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**Soccer riot**

A weekend soccer riot pitting police against angry fans that left 138 people injured was apparently fueled by a sense of nationalism in the home states of the rival teams.

The rioting began on Sunday when fans of the Red Star Soccer Club of Belgrade, the newly promoted champions of the Yugoslav first division, arrived in Croatian state capital of Zagreb to play against the team Dinamo of Zagreb.

Zvonimir Boban, captain of Zagreb, was seen celebrating during the riots. (Reuter wirephoto) (See story Page 7)



**Welcome ceremony**

The United Arab Emirates President, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, accompanied by Japan Emperor Akihito (right), salutes as the national anthems are played at a welcoming ceremony at the state guest house in Tokyo Monday. (Reuter wirephoto) (See Page 10)

## Upendra purge No 'See' Devi?

NEW DELHI, May 14. (Reuter): India, which has the world's biggest film industry churning out more than 700 films a year without a single kiss or bare breast, is to purge its cinema of sex and violence.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Parvathani Upendra said in the South Indian city of Madras yesterday he had told censors to make drastic cuts in vulgar sex or gore violence.

Indian films are conservative by Western standards. Nudity, and even kissing, are banned. Although rape scenes are a common ingredient in its frequently blood-spattered movies.

Huge posters promise "hot scenes." Packed cinemas often become half empty after such scenes are over.

"Scenes glorifying sex and violence have crossed the limits of decency," Upendra said while distributing movie awards at Madras which, with Bombay, is the industry's main centre.

He said it was becoming increasingly difficult for families to sit through many films because of violent and sexually implicit scenes.



**Mother greeted**

Mother Teresa is greeted by Slovak children during a visit to the town of Nitro central Slovakia Sunday. Mother Teresa opened the first Fiat House during her visit. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Crocodile ... ... Done'dee

SYDNEY, May 14. (Reuter): A crocodile ate an engineer just hours after the man arrived on a remote island off northern Australia to service telephone lines, police said today.

In a bizarre twist, police said they were questioning a man in connection with the theft of the crocodile carcass in which the engineer's remains were found.

A police spokeswoman said by telephone that engineer Albert Juzelinas was last seen alive around midnight on Friday night at Deception Bay on Groote Eylandt island, about 400 km (250 miles) east of Darwin.

A hunt began on Saturday after human remains were washed up. A 3.5 metre (11.5 foot) saltwater crocodile was trapped in the sea and shot, when it began to play up, she said.

The animal was gutted on a nearby beach and Juzelinas was identified by some of the remains in its stomach. It is believed to be the first fatal crocodile attack in Australia since a 25-year-old man was eaten alive in the northern territory in October 1988.

# Mubarak in Moscow to discuss Jew influx

MOSCOW, May 14. (Reuter): President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Moscow today on the first visit by an Egyptian leader in 18 years.

His three-day stay, intended to end years of strained relations dating back to assassinated Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, is likely to be dominated by discussion of the massive emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

But officials said Mubarak was also expected to become the first foreign leader in recent memory to address the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament.

"It's been 18 long years, and during this period Soviet-Egyptian relations have had their ups and downs," said Raouf Saad, an Egyptian diplomat in Moscow.

"But despite all our fluctuations both countries are now under new administrations and we have come to the conclusion that mature and deeper relations would benefit both of us," Saad said in an interview.

Mubarak is due to meet Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev during his visit.

With Egypt emerging as a mainstream force among Arab countries and the Soviet Union slowly broadening its world view, Egyptian diplomats in Cairo and Moscow said the visit was one of great importance.

Mubarak and Gorbachev are expected to discuss trade relations. Moscow is planning to import cotton and clothing from Egypt in exchange for giving Egypt equipment it needs to rebuild factories built with Soviet help before the split.

But trade issues are likely to be overshadowed by the tens of thousands of Soviet Jews emigrating each month to Israel.

"No issue is more painful to the Arabs than the migration of Jews," said a Western diplomat in Moscow.

"If Mubarak wants to be seen as the leader of the Arab world, and he does, he must be seen as taking this issue seriously with the Soviets."

The Jewish migration has caused great concern among Arab leaders who fear the new arrivals will be settled in the occupied territories in Israel, tipping the demographic balance against Palestinians who live there.

## 9 pull out Al Rabei arrested

KUWAIT authorities late Sunday arrested Dr Ahmad Al Rabei and owner of a diwaniya Ali Buarki for holding an unauthorized meeting.

Meanwhile, nine candidates for the national council elections scheduled for next June 10 have withdrawn their nomination. The number of remaining candidates who will run for the elections is 535.



**Mother weeps**

A Muslim mother, with the photos of her four children pinned to her chest, weeps at the entrance of the UN headquarters in Muslim West Beirut yesterday during a demonstration by some 75 others. The demonstrators want the release of Western hostages in Lebanon only if hundreds of their relatives in Israeli prisons were freed. (Reuter wirephoto) (See Page 8)

## 'Rushdie killed by heavenly lightning'

RAWALPINDI, May 14. (Reuter): Pakistani audiences are packing cinemas to cheer the fictional death of British author Salman Rushdie, struck down by bolts of lightning in a tropical island hideout.

The scene is the climax of "International Guerrillas," a revenge fantasy depicting the widespread anger at Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses," which many Muslims say blasphemes Islam.

The real Rushdie has been in hiding since a death sentence was imposed on him 15 months ago by the late Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini. On screen, however, elaborate security fails to save him.

Audiences shout approval as the author, portrayed as a Rambo-like figure wielding guns and swords, is killed by lightning sent by God.

"This is the punishment for impudence to the Holy Prophet (PBUH)," said shop worker Akhtar Hussain as he left Rawalpindi's Gulistan cinema.

"May God forgive us," said another man after he saw the Punjabi-language film, now in the third week of its run.

## Beirut battles; Iraqi bid fails

7 more killed

BEIRUT, May 14. (AP): Rival Christian fighters battled at close quarters with hand grenades during night-long artillery barrages in east Beirut and police said today seven people were killed and 29 wounded.

That raised the casualty toll to at least 949 dead and 2,651 wounded since rebel army Gen. Michel Aoun moved against the Lebanese Forces militia Jan 30 in a bid to seize control of the Christian enclave north of Beirut.

Explosions shook the Christian sector of the capital as the shelling raged from nightfall yesterday to past daybreak today, trapping tens of thousands of civilians in underground shelters for the fifth straight night.

Beirut's independent An Nahar daily said today that efforts by Iraq to broker a durable truce between Aoun's troops and Geagea's militiamen have failed because "the conflict has passed the point of no return."

In the alleyways of east Beirut's Badaro and Sin El-Fil districts, Aoun's troops and Lebanese Forces militiamen battled with automatic weapons.

Fighters on both sides launched raids on each other's fortified positions, lobbing hand grenades, police reported. But neither side apparently gained any ground.

The two sides have fought each other to a standstill. There has been no clear-cut victor, but the Lebanese Forces commanded by Christian warlord Samir Geagea control about two-thirds of the 310 square mile (800 square km) enclave.

Police said Aoun's 155mm Howitzer batteries in the Metn mountains overlooking the capital pounded coastal positions held by the Lebanese Forces.

The militiamen retaliated with salvo after salvo of rockets fired from mobile 40-barrel launchers on Aoun's artillery nests.

Palls of smoke from burning buildings in the already devastated neighbourhoods shrouded the enclave's Mediterranean coastline and the hills around the shell-battered presidential palace in suburban Baabda, east of Beirut, where Aoun has his headquarters.

## Airlines in fare-cut war

TWO airlines operating on the Kuwait-Pakistan route dramatically reduced their air fare yesterday.

According to information received by the Arab Times, Pakistan International Airlines and Lufthansa were yesterday offering tickets on the Kuwait-Karachi-Lahore route for KD140. The same were available for KD184 only a day earlier.

According to one airline agent, contacted by this newspaper, the fare was reduced first by Lufthansa and PIA made a similar move yesterday. The agent added that a circular had been sent by PIA notifying the agents about this reduction in the fare.

The airline agent, however, said that although tickets were being issued for KD140, formal approval had not yet been received by PIA from its head office in Karachi. PIA and Lufthansa officials could not be contacted for comment.

In a bizarre twist, police said they were questioning a man in connection with the theft of the crocodile carcass in which the engineer's remains were found.

# No 100 per cent guarantee: Cory Clashes in Manila

55 injured, 94 arrested as bases talks open

MANILA, May 14. (Agencies): Police fired tear-gas and clashed with scores of anti-US protesters today at the start of exploratory talks that will decide the future of US military facilities in the Philippines.

At least 55 people, including 25 police officers, were injured and about 94 demonstrators were arrested in the violence, authorities said.

Screaming "Yankee go home," several groups of protesters burned a US flag and pelted police with tiny homemade bombs outside the heavily guarded central bank building where the talks were being held. Police fired tear-gas at several hundred protesters who attempted three times to stage demonstrations.

The communist-led rebel group, the New Peoples Army, issued a statement today urging US nationals to "go home or suffer the agony of attrition."



Riot police attack anti-bases demonstrators with truncheon and volleys of tear-gas as the protesters march near the Central Bank building in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

The New Peoples Army, suspected in the killings of two US servicemen outside the US Clark Air Base on the eve of discussions on the future of US military facilities in the Philippines, made no reference to the slayings.

Police raided suspected rebel hideouts in Angeles city and rounded up more than 200 people for questioning, but no suspects have been arrested.

President Corason Aquino said today "our government is taking all necessary measures to secure the lives of American personnel," but added, "we cannot guarantee a 100 per cent, failsafe protection. No government can."

US special negotiator Richard Armitage in his opening remarks of the talks denounced the killings of the two airmen.

"This brutal and clumsy attack to drive a wedge between the United States and the Philippines will fail," Armitage said at the start of exploratory talks at the central bank, where some 1,500 securitymen were posted.

Armitage James C. Green, 22, and John H. Raven, 21, were shot and killed while they were about to board a motorized tricycle in front of a hotel in Angeles city adjoining Clark.

The latest killings came nine days after marine gunnery Sgt. John Fredette was fatally shot and raised to 11 the number of US nationals killed in insurgency.

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## Libya suit denied

WASHINGTON, May 14. (Reuter): The US Supreme Court today threw out a lawsuit claiming millions of dollars in damages from the 1986 US bombing of Libya.

The suit, brought on behalf of 55 Libyans who were killed or injured in the raid, named as defendants former president Ronald Reagan, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and other US and British officials.

## Jordan disperses protesters

JORDAN VALLEY, Jordan, May 14. (Agencies): Jordanian anti-riot police and troops used tanks and tear-gas today to disperse thousands of Jordanian and Palestinian marchers protesting the migration of Soviet Jews to Israeli-occupied Arab territories, witnesses and police sources said. At least 50 persons were injured.

State-owned Jordan Radio said some 10,000 people took part in the march, but there were no immediate reports of any arrests. Other reports put the number of marchers at between 35,000 and 100,000.

One senior Jordanian army officer said tanks were used to block the path of the marchers toward the bridge for their own safety.

Jordan will charge 35 people with inciting violence while they were escorting the body of a Palestinian at the Syrian border, a security source said today.

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## Iraq protests to Italy over 'steel' seizure

'A big lie': Tareq Aziz

ROME, May 14. (Reuter): Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz protested to Italy today over the seizure of 90 tonnes of steel components which police suspect are part of a giant Iraqi cannon.

Aziz told reporters in Rome he had protested to Italian Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis over the seizure in Naples, Terni and Brescia last week of forged steel shipments bound for Iraq.

Dismissing as "a big lie" Italian police reports that the parts were for a long range "super-gun," Aziz said they were destined for a petrochemical plant.

Italian police said on Saturday they had seized 90 tonnes of parts suspected of being components for the year of a giant Iraqi gun capable of hitting regional rivals such as Iran, Israel and Syria with nuclear or chemical weapons.

"This contract was fully legal," Aziz said.

Italy insists that the components were destined for its petrochemical industry and a government spokesman in Baghdad, quoted by the official Iraqi news agency, threatened to take legal action over the seizures.

"The measures taken by the Turkish, Greek and Italian authorities are illegal because the seized materials belong to Iraq and their costs were paid by Iraq," the spokesman said.

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## Baltics Gorbachev raps drives

MOSCOW, May 14. (Reuter): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev today slammed Estonia and Latvia for their independence drives, setting the Kremlin on a collision course with the united Baltic republics.

Soviet television broke into the main evening news programme to read a pair of presidential decrees declaring steps towards full independence by the two republics null and void from the time of their adoption.

The Kremlin has already slapped a tough economic blockade on Lithuania to try to force it to back down on its March 11 declaration of full and immediate independence.

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## Weather

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## Kidney, pancreas transplant

By Diana Abou Haidar  
Arab Times staff

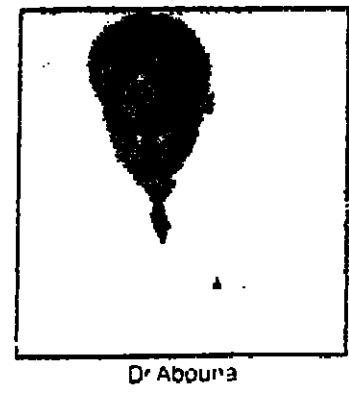
THE first successful kidney and pancreas transplant in Kuwait and the Middle East was performed last Thursday at Hamed Al Issa Kidney and Organ Transplant Centre, announced head of the centre, Dr George Abouana.

In a press conference yesterday, Abouana said the 22-year-old recipient, Mubarak Mohamed Al Ameri is in very good condition.

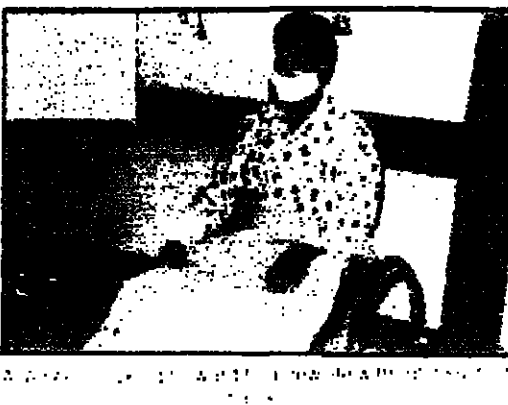
"Mubarak has suffered from diabetes since he was seven. Before the transplant, he was taking 70 to 100 units of insulin every day. Now he doesn't need it anymore," Abouana said explaining that diabetes has caused the patient kidney failure and eye problems.

Rejection of the new organs is possible at any time, according to Abouana. "If it doesn't happen in the first year, there is a 90 per cent chance that it never will. But if Mubarak's body rejects the kidney and pancreas, we can treat him with special drugs with a success rate of 80 per cent."

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Dr. Abouana



Mubarak Mohamed Al Ameri



# Victims drink drain water

India storm toll rises to 510

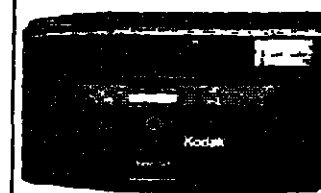
NEW DELHI, May 14. (AP) Tens of thousands of homeless people began putting their lives together today, salvaging what they could from the rubble of their homes destroyed by the worst cyclone in a decade. At least 510 people have died in the storm that ravaged the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh for four days, United News of India said. In the neighbouring Tamil Nadu state 10 people died. Several coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh, which took the brunt of the storm, were without drinking water as sea water had entered wells and reservoirs. Many people were drinking drain water and also using it to cook, causing stomach disorders, Press Trust of India reported. The government hospital in Vijayawada town in swamped with gastroenteritis patients, it said, but gave no details.

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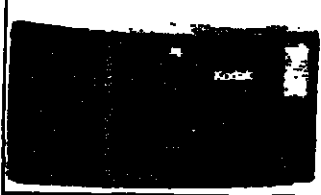
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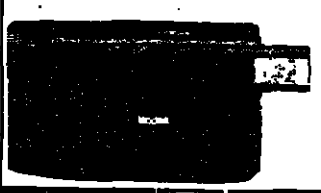
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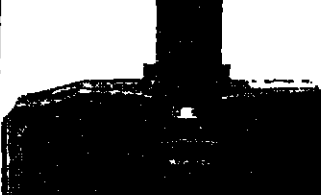
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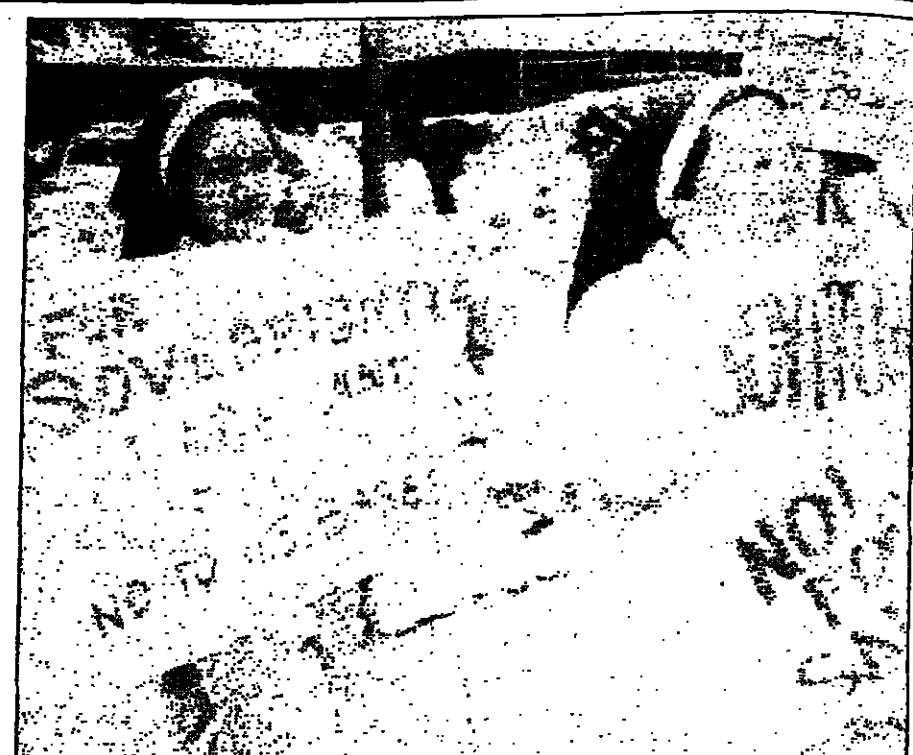


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A policeman swings a truncheon to disperse protesters demanding the removal of US bases in the Philippines at the start of negotiations at the Central Bank building in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)



Filipino nuns join anti-bases protest in front of central bank in Manila where US and Philippine officials were holding talks on the future of US bases. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Violent clashes in Manila

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related incidents in the past three years.

Following the attack, US officials reimposed travel restrictions clamped for five days after Fredette was killed. Off-post leave and liberty for the 40,000 troops and related employees and dependents were cancelled. Off-base travel throughout the island was restricted.

Armitage said the United States planned to negotiate an extension of the lease covering six facilities, including the sprawling Clark base and Subic Bay naval complex. The basing rights expire in September 1991.

But he added, "If you ask us to leave, leave we shall, as expeditiously as possible and with our pride fully intact."

The New York Times reported today that the United States may have to give up at least one of its two sprawling military bases in the Philippines over the next decade because of rising nationalist sentiment against the installations.

Citing interviews with US and Philippine officials, the Times said the emerging consensus among leaders in the Asian country seemed to be running against keeping all the bases.

Manglapus reiterated President Corason Aquino's televised statement yesterday ruling out any quick deals on a renewal of US basing rights and vowing to respect difficult procedures outlined in the constitution.

The biggest protest in Manila today was held by some 3,000 workers and students, but police blocked their path to the US embassy and the protesters dispersed after setting ablaze an effigy of Uncle Sam.

Pro-bases rallies attended by more than 3,000 Filipinos were staged in Olongapo city outside Subic Bay and at the Clark gate. Signs held aloft by bar girls at the Clark demonstration said "we love bases" and "no bases, no money, no food."

About 1,000 bases opponents tried to approach Clark, but were persuaded to disperse peacefully. But plans by militant groups for massive demonstrations nationwide did not materialise.

They inject an estimated \$1 billion a year into the Philippine economy in aid, military assistance and associated spending.

The six facilities are:  
**Subic Naval Base** — The US military regards Subic as its most vital installation in the Philippines, holding the world's largest naval supply depot and servicing the Seventh Fleet. It has a major drydock, ship repair facilities, a large oil store and underground magazine and is a site for jungle warfare training. Located 80 km (50 miles) northwest of Manila.

**Clark Air Base** — Clark is the headquarters of the US 13th air force with major oil storage facilities as large as those at Kennedy Airport in New York. Built as a US cavalry post in 1901, Clark provides logistical support to American forces throughout the Pacific.

Clark also offers aerial warfare training and maintains an electronically monitored bombing range at Crow Valley. Located 80 km (50 miles) north of Manila.

**San Miguel Naval Communications Station** — San Miguel is a vital relay station for the US navy's communications network in the Pacific. Located 95 km (60 miles) northwest of Manila.

**Camp O'Donnell** — The US air force uses Camp O'Donnell as a communications and electronic warfare station. Located 95 km (60 miles) north of Manila.

**Wallace Air Station** — Provides air defence and radar monitoring. In La Union Province, 240 kms (145 miles) north of Manila.

**Camp John Hay** — Serves as a rest and recreation centre for US forces in the Pacific. Located in the mountain city of Baguio 200 kms (125 miles) north of Manila.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Lockerbie probe:** A presidential commission investigating the Lockerbie bombing is expected to be highly critical of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) security procedures, aviation sources said on Monday. The commission, which will issue a report on the disaster tomorrow, has made it clear in public hearings that it has profound doubts about the procedures that made it possible for a bomb to be smuggled aboard Pan Am Flight 103.

Two hundred and seventy people were killed when the bomb blew the aircraft out of the skies over the Scottish village of Lockerbie on Dec 21, 1988. (Reuter)

**Gunmen kill four in Texas bar:** Several gunmen kicked in the door of a Fort Worth bar and opened fire on Monday, killing four people and seriously wounding at least three others, police said.

They said the shootings took place at the Glass Key Cafe in Fort Worth, a reputed gambling lounge about 30 miles (50 km) west of Dallas. They said two men were killed at the scene and one other died on arrival at Harris Methodist Fort Worth hospital.

At least three others were listed in serious condition in hospital. About 15 people were inside when the gunmen kicked in the front door and opened fire. (Reuter)

### Mandela to visit US

South African black leader Nelson Mandela will visit the United States next month to hold talks with President Bush, address a joint session of Congress and visit five other cities, including New York, a public relations firm said. In the picture above Mandela is greeted by Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida in Lagos. (Reuter wirephoto) (See also Page 6)

**Benazir's trip:** Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto leaves tomorrow for Tehran on a nine-day tour of eight Middle East and African countries. Her whirlwind tour will take her to Iran.

Turkey, Syria, Jordan, North Yemen, Egypt, Libya and Tunis. A Foreign Ministry spokesman described her tour as "a journey of peace" during which she would hold consultations with leaders of the eight brotherly Muslim countries on matters facing the Muslim ummah. (Kuna)

**First free elections:** Mongolia, the world's second-oldest communist state, will hold its first multi-party elections on July 29, the official East German news agency ADN reported on Monday.

The presidium of the People's Great Hural (parliament) announced the decision in a decree in Ulan Bator. ADN said in a dispatch from the capital of the remote Asian nation where it is one of the few foreign organisations with a correspondent.

On polling day, the Mongolian electorate will vote for candidates to parliaments and councils at all levels and also have a separate ballot for their favourite party. (Reuter)

**Turkish F-104 crashes:** A Turkish Air Force F-104 fighter jet crashed on Monday in the western province of Balikesir, killing its pilot.

Provincial Governor Kemal Esensoy told Reuters that the Lockheed Starfighter, from an air base in Balikesir 530 km (330 miles) west of Ankara, crashed in a forest while on routine training flight. (Reuter)



### Upjohn Market Regaine for stabilisation of hair fall

While most clinical studies for Regaine — the first medication scientifically proven effective for treatment of male pattern baldness — have concentrated on hair regrowth, recent trials in Canada demonstrate that the product is additionally useful in stabilising, or stopping, hairfall altogether.

The stabilising factor in using Regaine was reported by Dr. Richard DeVilz, Chief Dermatologist at the Upjohn Company, producers of the hair-regrowth product. In a recent 12-month clinical study in Canada, Dr. Vilz reported in Dermatologica, an international journal for clinical and investigative dermatology, that 77 per cent of the patients using Regaine experienced decreased or arrested hair loss.

The major investigative programmes in Europe and North America, involving nearly 4,000 patients, have concentrated on hair regrowth. "Our smaller study in Canada showing that, additionally, Regaine is able to stabilise hairloss has been very encouraging," said Ihsan Jarrar, Upjohn Sales Manager, Kuwait/Gulf.

Regaine 2% Topical Solution is available in Kuwait and the Gulf and in many other countries in the world, including: USA, Canada, U.K., Belgium and France.

### Ambush Tohra hurt

CHANDIGARH, May 14. (UPI) Armed militants early today opened fire on a car carrying a controversial Sikh leader, wounding him and another man and killing two others, including a former state legislator, police said.

They said that Gurcharan Singh Tohra, President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee — the Sikh religious organisation responsible for the care of Sikh temples — is on a militant hit list and was the likely target of the attack.

Police said Singh and three companions were enroute from Ludhiana to Patiala when their car was ambushed by militants about 12:15 am near the village of Pawa, 75 miles (120 km) southwest of the Punjab state capital of Chandigarh.

About a half-dozen armed militants riding in a jeep pulled alongside Tohra's vehicle and opened fire, killing the driver, Sardul Singh, immediately, police said.

Tohra, his bodyguard, Chand Khan, and H.S. Rajla, a former member of the Punjab legislative assembly, were injured and later taken to a hospital in Ludhiana where Rajla succumbed to his injuries, police said.

They said an escort car traveling with Tohra chased the gunmen's vehicle, but the assassins managed to escape.

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Town honours its dead

More than 10,000 people attended an emotional ceremony to honour the dead in the small town of Carpentras after the desecration of tombs and a corpse in its Jewish cemetery.

A huge demonstration of solidarity with the Jewish community was scheduled for Monday in Paris. "We must do everything so that there will be a before-Carpentras and an after-Carpentras," Joseph Siruk, the grand rabbi of France, said Sunday at the ceremony. "It's a historic date."

All shops were closed and traffic stopped for 15 minutes in the southern French city, the site of one of the country's oldest Jewish communities, as a show of solidarity and respect for the dead whose tombs were vandalised last week.

Addressing Felix Geron, whose corpse was unearthed and desecrated by the vandals, Siruk asked for "forgiveness for not having been sufficiently big, for not having known how to protect you. Forgiveness also in the name of your aggressors, who have shown the limits of their impotency and their inability to live among others."

The ceremony at Carpentras was the largest of numerous demonstrations across France to show repugnance over the desecration of the cemetery.

"We are here to show our determination to act, each one of us according to our responsibilities and means, to protect France and all those who live here from intolerance, racism, and anti-Semitism," said Interior Minister Pierre Joxe, one of several top government officials attending the ceremony in Carpentras. (Reuter wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Irish ban gold mining:** The Dublin government has banned gold mining on a mountain revered as a pilgrimage site because Ireland's patron saint, Saint Patrick, fasted there for 40 days.

"It would be deeply offensive to the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who worship there to allow mining activity to take place," Energy Minister Bobby Molloy said. (Reuter)

**UK begging increases:** Prosecutions for begging in London have increased by at least 300 per cent in the past year, according to a report published in London Monday.

The study by the UK national association of probation officers blamed a crackdown by police in response to complaints from commuters.

During 1988 there were 500 begging cases in the metropolitan area. (Kuna)

**American named head of Aids programme:** The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Monday named American Michael Merson as new head of its global programme against Aids.

Merson, 45, replaces Jonathan Mann, also of the United States, who resigned from the UN body's \$100-million a year programme on March 26. (Reuter)

**ETA claim parcel-bomb attacks:** Basque separatist guerrillas said on Monday they sent two parcel bombs to Spanish prison officials and another to the firm in charge of security at Seville's 1992 world fair.

ETA (Basque homeland and freedom) sent two bombs in April to the Justice Ministry official in charge of providing work for prisoners. Police safely removed one but another went by mistake to a Madrid prison where it exploded and injured an employee. (Reuter)

**Officials held for bribe-taking:** Authorities arrested four senior officials of the Seoul city government Monday on charges of accepting large bribes from a businessman pushing a hotel project. The prosecution identified the four as Kim In-Sik, head of the general construction headquarters, Park Myung-Hwa, a supervisor at the headquarters, Kim Young-Soo, urban planning director, and Pyon Ui-Jung, administrator of a city district.

Each of the four were charged with receiving bribes ranging from 10 million won (\$14,100 to 30 million) won (\$46,500) between 1987 and 1988, from a Korean resident in Japan who wanted to build a 24-storey hotel in downtown Seoul, a prosecution spokesman said. (UPI)

**Pilot ignored warning:** The pilot of an executive jet that crashed Friday, killing all 11 people on board, may have disobeyed a directive from air traffic controllers just before it slammed into a mountain, transport officials said Monday in Brisbane.

Stuart Campbell of the Australian federal transport department said the control tower at Cairns in northern Queensland state had asked pilot Stan Lindgren to maintain a holding pattern of 10,000 feet



Robing Dubeck

Milton Greenberg interim president of American University (right), helps former Czechoslovakian Communist Party First Secretary Alexander Dubeck with his robes prior to commencement ceremonies at American University on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

New Zealand jolted  
Looting reported

WELLINGTON, May 14, (UPI): Looting was reported today after a strong earthquake shook New Zealand's north island, collapsing a building, shattering windows and cutting telecommunications lines, officials said. There were no reports of injuries.

The earthquake, measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale, was centred near Dannevirke and four other towns about 95 miles (150 km) northeast of Wellington, said Warwick Smith, spokesman for the seismological observatory in Wellington.

There were reports of looting at some stores, a Dannevirke police spokesman said today. "A building collapsed, shops were damaged and power and telephone lines were cut after the major tremors were felt in Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa, Palmerston North and Taihape," the police spokesman said.

(3,000 metres) over nearby Maresca airport. The request came two minutes before officials estimated the Cessna citation jet hit a 3,740-foot (1,122-metre) mountain.

"He was asked to remain at that height by the control tower and obviously didn't do that," said Campbell. (AP)

**Malaysian royal fleet review:** More than 11,000 sailors in 61 naval vessels from 22 nations are to join in an international royal fleet review Thursday to help the Malaysian navy mark its 56th anniversary.

## Brooklyn blacks attack Vietnamese

## Mayor Dinkins denounces 'mindless assault': no arrests made

NEW YORK, May 14, (UPI): About 15 black men shouting ethnic slurs attacked three Vietnamese men they mistook for Koreans in a racially tense area of Brooklyn early yesterday, leaving one seriously injured with a fractured skull, authorities said.

Mayor David Dinkins denounced the attack and compared the victim to Yusuf Hawkins, the black youth killed last year by a white mob in the Brooklyn neighbourhood of Bensonhurst.

"To those of you who participated in this mindless assault, I ask you: where did you learn to hate people of a different skin

colour?" Dinkins said.

The attack occurred one block from the scene of an emotion-charged protest staged since January by a group of black demonstrators outside two Korean-owned markets in the borough's Flatbush section.

Protesters, who say store employees beat a Haitian woman, have repeatedly maintained that the boycott was aimed only at the owners of the two stores and not at Koreans in general.

Police said they investigated Sunday's incident as a bias-motivated attack because the blacks shouted ethnic slurs at

the victims. Police had made no arrests.

The attack came as two juries continued to deliberate in the murder trial of two young whites accused in the Hawkins killing and a little more than 24 hours after Dinkins delivered a televised speech calling for an end to the boycott and pleading for racial harmony in the nation's largest city.

Police Commissioner Lee Brown, who appeared with Dinkins at a City Hall news conference, said there were conflicting reports of how the attack began and what led a mob to gather outside a building

occupied by many Asians.

In one version, witnesses said the three Vietnamese men were sitting in a first-floor apartment about 1:30 am when a bottle was thrown through the window, said officer Anthony Mazzola, a police spokesman.

"The men went outside to see what was going on and they were surrounded by about 15 blacks," Mazzola said.

"As they tried to escape, one of the men was hit on the head with a baseball bat," Mazzola said. "The other two said the men in the group had knives and threw bottles at them as they ran away."

## Swastika daubed on Jew graves

PARIS, May 14, (Reuter): Swastikas were found daubed on graves in a Jewish cemetery near Paris today, hours before a mass rally to protest against the desecration of the tombs of Jews in a southern French town.

Local officials said neo-Nazis had painted the Nazi emblem on six headstones and damaged 32 graves in the Jewish cemetery at Clichy-Sous-Bois on the northern outskirts of the capital.

Government and opposition leaders meanwhile prepared to join a march through Paris to protest against the desecration last week of a Jewish cemetery in the southern town of Carpentras, in which a corpse was exhumed and impaled.

Jewish organisers, predicting a turn-out of 200,000 people, said a single banner would head the procession bearing the message: "No to racism. No to anti-Semitism."

The far-right National Front, accused by opponents of bearing moral responsibility for the Carpentras outrage by encouraging anti-Semitism, was told to stay away.

The desecration of the graveyard in Clichy-Sous-Bois, a working-class town, was the latest in a rash of anti-Semitic incidents blamed on the far right.

Nazi symbols were sprayed on shop-fronts in the Breton port of Quimper at the weekend shortly after 20 Jewish tombstones were slightly damaged in Wittenburg, in Alsace.

Police have so far failed to track down the vandals who broke into the ancient Jewish cemetery in Carpentras, where the body of an 81-year-old man was exhumed and 34 graves damaged.

Police sources said today fingerprints found on a beach umbrella handle used to spear Felix Geron's corpse were too smudged to identify the culprits. Skinhead youths questioned by police were released at the weekend.

Police now say the attack may have been carried out last Tuesday, 24 hours earlier than originally thought. National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen said on national television the same night that Jews had "a lot of power in the French media."

Le Pen, whose police bodyguard was reinforced after the Carpentras attack, says the desecration was a professional attempt to discredit his anti-immigrant party.

The far-right leader currently faces prosecution for jibes which have offended the country's 700,000-strong Jewish community, the largest in Western Europe. "This affair is being used against the patriotic right with completely specious and false arguments," he told the daily Le Figaro, adding some of the hostile reactions against him amounted to death threats.

Le Pen, whose support is growing nationwide after years in the political wilderness, said Skinhead groups had nothing to do with the National Front. But both skinheads and neo-Nazi youths figured prominently at a National Front May Day march, at which Le Pen triumphantly led a cheering crowd that racism now equalled patriotism.

Vandals in the Swedish city of Lund daubed red paint and knocked over headstones marking graves of refugees from World War Two Nazi concentration camps, a police spokesman and Jewish leader said today.

Charles Clark of the Louisiana state wildlife and fisheries department. "People are struggling to survive and it's not ethnic background, it's who's catching the shrimp that divides people."

Increased regulation, dwindling resources, rising costs and foreign competition, coupled with language barriers and misunderstood cultural customs, provide more than enough fuel to ignite an already heated situation in the Gulf of Mexico waters, people familiar with the issue say.

"I don't think it's discrimination against Vietnamese fishermen," said Monsignor Dominic

## World losing battle against birth rates

Population will shoot up to 6.251 billion by 2000

UNITED NATIONS, May 14, (UPI): The world is losing the battle to restrain high birth rates and the 250,000 daily newborns are "eating away at the earth itself," the United Nations reports.

The UN Fund for Population Activities says the "bottom billion" of the world's 5.3 billion inhabitants live in poverty, and the "top billion," those in industrialised countries.

"The state of world population 1990," released today, said the world population is growing faster than expected, and there will be 6.251 billion people by 2000, instead of 6.122 billion as projected in 1986.

By the year 2025, there will be 8.467 billion people, 260 million more

than predicted.

UNFPA said countries in Africa and South Asia have the world's highest birth rates.

India will probably have 1.446 billion citizens in 2025, instead of the projected 1.229 billion. If the trend continues, India will overtake China in 2030 as the world's most populous nation. China now has 1.1 billion people.

As the clock inexorably ticks away and the earth's resources dwindle, the agency said three babies are born every second, or 250,000 a day, mostly in poor countries.



Jury deliberates

Defendant Keith ... youths that killed a black youth in ... white, enters court with his mother as a Brooklyn jury continued deliberations in the racial case. (Reuter wirephoto)

## 2 arrested in Seattle

Bombing plot

SEATTLE, May 14, (UPI): Two men identified as members of a white-supremacist group were arrested in Seattle in a bombing plot aimed at minority groups, homosexuals or both, and a third suspect was arrested in Idaho, the FBI announced yesterday.

John Winslow, 29, and Stephen Nelson, 35, members of the Hayden Lake, Idaho-based Aryan Nations, were arrested Saturday night at a motel near Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, said Stephen Pomerantz, head of the FBI office in Seattle.

Agents seized gunpowder, blasting caps, a propane gas canister and other explosive components they believed were to be set Saturday night, Pomerantz said. The intended targets were not specifically identified, but Pomerantz said, "the best information we have is the targets were minority groups and/or homosexuals."

The explosives were not assembled, Pomerantz said. Authorities said they also seized two loaded handguns and ammunition, as well as white-supremacist literature. The FBI surrounded the motel

and arrested Winslow and Nelson in the parking lot as they left a van to enter the building, federal authorities said.

A third Aryan Nations member, James P. Baker, age unknown, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, also was arrested Saturday night at Coeur d'Alene in connection with the case, agents said.

The three arrests were part of a continuing counter-terrorism investigation, FBI spokesman Eugene Glenn said in Salt Lake City.

Winslow and Nelson were to be arraigned today before a US magistrate in Seattle on charges of conspiracy, illegal possession of firearms and possession of an explosive device, an FBI spokeswoman said.

Baker, whose charges were not specified, also was to be arraigned today before a federal magistrate in Boise, Idaho, the FBI said.

FBI, federal alcohol, tobacco and firearms bureau agents and Idaho state police officers executed searches in and around the Aryan Nations compound near Hayden Lake in northern Idaho and other undisclosed Idaho locations.

## Computer unreliable for life, mishaps

SYDNEY, May 14, (Reuter): Computers are too unreliable to monitor nuclear power stations or manage air traffic and should not be used in areas where lives could be at stake, says a new study.

Mishaps are so common that "computers should not be entrusted with life-critical applications," said the study which examined computer and software failures over the past 20 years.

Australian scientists Tom Forester, of Griffith University in Queensland, and Perry Morrison, of the University of New England, cite 36 examples of computer failures world-wide that have killed people or caused huge damage.

Details of their findings were released ahead of scheduled publication in the June issue of the British academic journal Futures.

The scientists say computers are increasingly used for complex tasks on which many human lives depend — but there is no guarantee that computers will work or that their software is error-free.

Computer experts know there is no "adequate explanation why computers are so unreliable and thus why a computerised society is so vulnerable to computer failure," the study says.

"Computers are inherently unreliable ... prone to catastrophic failure and ... their very complexity ensures that they cannot be thoroughly tested before use."

Among the mishaps quoted: ■ Failure of a computer-controlled radiation treatment machine in Texas which delivered fatal doses to two cancer patients.

■ A single hyphen left out of a programme for an Atlas-Agena rocket carrying a probe to Venus caused it to tumble wildly and forced US launch authorities to explode it in the air.

■ 22 fatal crashes of the fly-by-computer UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter used by the US air force.

■ In July 1989, 104 failures in a single day of the Los Angeles air traffic control computer.

■ A full-scale nuclear alert in the United States triggered by a faulty clip in a communications computer.

The study says programmers who write software for air traffic control systems and other "life-critical" functions should be licenced. Software manufacturers should guarantee their products but few do.

"These increasing numbers are eating away at the earth itself," UNFPA said in the report. "Progress in reducing birth rates has been slower than expected."

UNFPA provides family planning funds to developing countries and has an annual programme budget of about 200 million, which was contributed by dozens of governments except the United States.

The US administration under former president Reagan withheld its share of about 40 million to protest alleged UN support for China's forced abortion programme designed to maintain a one-child family policy. UNFPA has denied the charge.

While UNFPA said the "top billion" people living in industrialised countries are largely responsible for the earth's deterioration, including damage to the ozone layer, acid rain and global warming, it issued a harsh warning to developing countries where a combination of population increase and poverty has led to deforestation and the degradation of land.

The agency said efforts to balance high birth rates and quality of the environment will require shifting to cleaner technologies, energy efficiency and resource conservation by all countries, particularly the richer ones.

It said the world should launch a "direct and all-out attack" on poverty, and demand a reduction in birth rates in countries with the highest rates.

It called on governments to consider raising the age of marriage for women to reduce birth rates. It said women who married at age 20 or older have an average of 5.3 children each, while those who are married when younger have 7.1 children each.

"Where they have the option, many women delay marriage in favour of a job or further education," the report said.

On average, Africa and South Asia have the lowest age at marriage, 19.5 years and 19.3 respectively. In East Asia it is 24.2 years and in Southeast Asia 22.6 years.

UNFPA said five Latin American countries allowed 12-year-old girls to marry while nine others allow 14-year-olds to be wed.

UNFPA cited the example of Kenya — the first African country to have started family planning programme in 1967 — which now has the world's highest birth rates at about 4.2 per cent a year, while the figure in Mexico has fallen to 2.3 per cent from nearly 5 per cent in the 1970s.

Kenya's birth rate rose despite advances in education and child survival because of a cultural value based on high fertility, the report said. Also, there is no minimum age of marriage and a lack of political support for family planning.

A low birth rate in Eastern Europe may be a result of a wariness of the future among the inhabitants of an environment severely damaged by former communist regimes, the UN agency says.

The birth rates in Eastern Europe had been stagnant for 30 years, despite a lack of family planning.

An agency chart showed the total population of Eastern Europe would increase from about 113 million in mid-1990 to 123 million by 2025, on an average birth rate of 0.3 per cent.

## Chinese go hiding

LONDON, May 14, (AP): More than 30 Chinese men and women whose applications for political asylum were rejected have gone into hiding in Britain to avoid being removed from the country, the Home Office said Sunday.

The 33 young men and women were to have been put on flights for the return trip to Panama, where they had lived after leaving China. But when immigration officials went to their temporary addresses around London they had disappeared.

"They appeared to have absconded," said the spokesman for the Home Office, the government department responsible for immigration. "They are now illegal entrants. We deeply deplore this apparent abuse of claim for asylum."

Under the United Nations convention on refugees, he said, there is no requirement to consider applications for asylum from people who arrive from a country where they are already safe.

The men and women had flown into England on May 5 from Central America en route to Canada. When the airline discovered their Canadian visas were forged, they were questioned and then sought political asylum in Britain.

## Ready to vote

Quebec independence

TORONTO, May 14, (Reuter): Ten years after a referendum in Quebec that rejected independence from the rest of Canada, a newly released poll says a similar vote taken in the French-speaking province now would pass easily.

Support for a separate Quebec has grown to almost 60 per cent, says the new poll by the Toronto Star and CTV television network.

The poll says more Canadians are now worried about the eventual

breakup of the country than at any time, including during the 1980 Quebec referendum, which produced a vote of only 40 per cent in favour of a limited independence under the label of sovereignty-association.

In the latest poll less than 50 per cent of respondents across Canada said they favoured the Meech Lake accord, a pact that would give Quebec a special status in return for the province's endorsement of the Canadian constitution.

A judicial panel is expected to look into a May 5 incident in which local fishermen and Vietnamese immigrants exchanged gunfire and rammed each others' boats. The coast guard officials intervened and briefly confiscated six shrimp boats. No one was injured in the confrontation.

"It's tough for the guys out there," said Li Col



# Actor Bogarde makes long-awaited cinema comeback

CANNES, France, May 14, (Reuters): British actor Dirk Bogarde made a long-awaited return to the cinema screen today as the lead in French director Bertrand Tavernier's "Daddy Nostalgie," but said it could be the last film in his long career.

"It was a great, great moment for me, and I think the last. I'm not interested in other things," Bogarde told journalists after the premiere.

The 69-year-old actor has been in semi-retirement for several years, and had not

accepted a film role since appearing in Rainer Werner Fassbinder's "Despair" in 1978.

Bogarde, who of late has devoted his energies to writing his best-selling autobiography, said his absence was due to a lack of appropriate scripts.

"For 11 years I waited with great patience. There was nothing to do in France, Italy or Britain. I wrote my books and waited for Tavernier, and finally he came."

"It was worth being patient," he said.

In "Daddy Nostalgie," Bogarde plays a

terminally-ill man helped by his daughter, played by compatriot Jane Birkin, to come to terms with his approaching death.

Shot in the fading autumn light of the south of France, the film is a tender, intimate exploration of the bitter-sweet relationship between a father and his daughter, who adores him but is all too aware of his faults.

"It's about time I played my age," commented Bogarde, regarded as something of a sex symbol in Britain before establishing himself as a serious actor.

As the film progresses Bogarde's character finds peace with himself, realising that what matters is not the length of a life but knowing how to live the time allotted to the full.

"When you are faced with dying your life changes completely because your head is emptied of everything except what you need and your memories," Bogarde said, swapping from French to English with ease.

Tavernier said the film had been inspired by both the deaths of his own father and the father of former wife Colo Tavernier

O'Hagan, who wrote the script.

The director, whose "Sunday in the Country," another film about a painful father-daughter relationship, won best director's award at Cannes in 1984, got a warm reception from a partisan audience hoping a French film will win the prestigious Golden Palm Award this year.

French jury member Francoise Giroud caused a stir last week when she told a radio reporter she did not think France had submit-

ted a particularly impressive selection of films.

The remark sparked a complaint from several furious French film makers and has helped fuel worried speculation in the national media about a "crisis" in French cinema.

Tavernier scorned these fears when quizzed on the subject. "Look around you. There are plenty of good directors. I don't want to hear any more about the crisis in French cinema."

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

LOS ANGELES: It is not easy being Zsa Zsa Gabor's sister, Eva Gabor, whose Bel-Air mansion is a short distance from Zsa Zsa's estate, complains that people often mix her up with her Hungarian-born sister.

But Zsa Zsa also has suffered an occasional identity crisis. When she was tried and convicted last fall of slapping a police officer, witnesses testified that they recognised her from an old television series, Green Acres.

Actually, it was Eva who appeared in the series.

"Why should we be linked together, Dablink! That annoys the hell out of me. Because we have very different lives and what is white for her is black for me," the 69-year-old Eva said in a recent interview. "Of course, she's my sister and I love her."

"But I don't necessarily approve of certain things she does, nor does she of what I do. I just think it's so unfair, and I suffer a lot for it."

Eva Gabor went into "serious hiding" during her sister's legal problems, but she conceded: "It's awfully boring to be called the 'good Gabor.'" (AP)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah: A man who wanted to treat his waitress properly took things too far, police said, robbing a bank to come up with her tip.

The man, whom police described as a shirtless transient, became concerned when he went to pay the four-dollar bill for his lunch at the downtown Golden Spike restaurant Wednesday afternoon.

"After he ate, he told the waitress, 'I don't have enough money for a tip, but I'm going to go rob a bank and I'll be back,'" said Detective Stegall, supervisor of the restaurant.

The man allegedly walked across the street to First Interstate Bank, told the teller he had a gun and demanded all of the \$20 bills, said Salt Lake police Lieutenant Joel Campbell.

He fled the bank clutching about \$1,200 in his hand and entered the restaurant, where he gave the waitress a \$2 tip, Stegall said. Before he was able to leave, police arrived, arrested him and recovered the money — including the tip. (AP)

MUNICH, West Germany: A water-colour by Adolf Hitler brought the top price Saturday at an auction of Nazi memorabilia.

The watercolour went for 31,000 marks (\$19,018). A tuxedo worn by the Nazi dictator was auctioned for 10,000 marks (\$6,134).

A special luxury edition of Mein Kampf, the biographical book in which Hitler outlined his programme before he came to power, brought 9,000 marks (\$5,521).

A gold compact that belonged to Eva Braun, Hitler's girlfriend whom he married just before they killed themselves in his chancellery air raid bunker in Berlin, went for 4,200 marks (\$2,576).

A signet ring of Hermann Goerring, the Luftwaffe chief, went for 13,000 marks (\$7,975). (UPI)

SEBRING, Florida: An 81-year-old man charged by police as "the world's oldest crack dealer" has been arrested on cocaine charges for the fifth time in three years.

James Darby was charged with possession of cocaine after authorities said they found a matchbox containing cocaine residue on the bedroom floor of his home.

"He's a good old guy, but he just can't seem to stop," Sebring police chief Robert Baker said. "He once told us he was just supplementing his social security income." (UPI)

## \$13,000 haul Bride, groom robbed

NEW YORK, May 14, (AP): A couple who hours earlier had promised to love each other for richer or for poorer were robbed at gunpoint of \$13,000 in wedding gifts.

Four robbers in ski masks even took the bride's bouquet and the top of the wedding cake, police said, family members said.

The newlyweds, Diane and Anthony Rohr, left their wedding reception early yesterday and stopped for a light in Brooklyn when another car cut them off and two armed men got out and demanded money, said police Sgt. Diane Kubler.

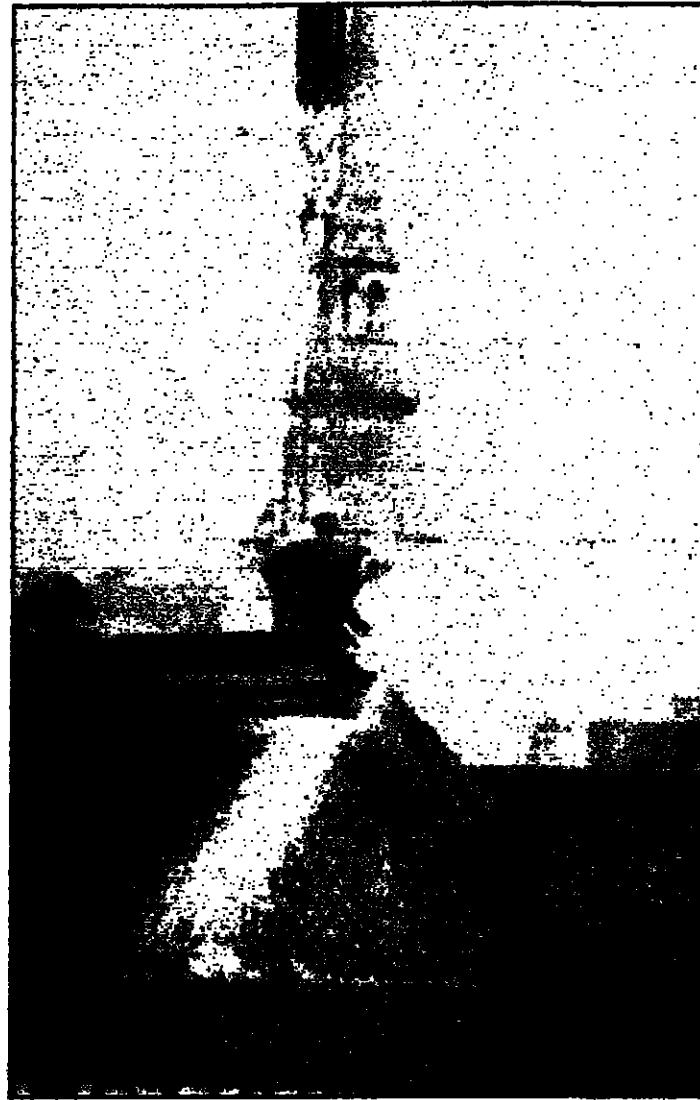
The bride, still in her gown, and the groom, in a tuxedo, were pulled from the car with the groom's brother and his wife, and the new Mrs. Rohr was thrown to the ground.

"Can you imagine, 10 minutes after your wedding, lying on the middle of the street with guns pointed everywhere?" said Roseale Williams, the mother of the bride.

Four men took the wedding gifts, which included cash and checks, and the car.

The shaken Rohrs went on their Caribbean honeymoon anyway.

"I made them go," said the groom's father, William. "I told them, 'the thieves got everything material. They may have gotten the car and the money, but you still have each other and that's what counts.'"



Weld to clear view

Workmen weld a piece of railway bridge free which connected Holborn to Blackfriars, London, May 13. It will be the first time since 1866 that the view of St Paul's Cathedral from Fleet Street has been unobscured. (Reuters wirephoto)

in the name of Rosa Parks will serve to remind us all of the sacrifice this great African-American woman has undertaken," said State Representative Casey Jones who sponsored legislation to rename the highway in her honour.

Several streets in other cities, including Detroit and Montgomery, have been renamed in her honour, Ms. Parks said. (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO: Federal appeals court Judge Alex Kozinski, an avowed film buff, couldn't resist using 204 movie titles in an Antitrust decision.

In a 25-page decision Wednesday for the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals, Kozinski rejected a federal antitrust suit accusing theatre operator Raymond Syfy of monopolising the first-run film market in Las Vegas.

By Kozinski's account, the trial lasted not eight days or nine, but exactly "8 1/2," as in the title of a Fellini film.

Syfy was "some what of a local hero," the judge wrote.

Another chain "stepped into the major leagues, and against all odds" began competing seriously. The competitor's theatres "evolved from absolute beginners, barely staying alive, into a big business," the judge wrote. (AP)

MOSCOW: Jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie made dreams come true — his own and his Soviet fans' — by making his way to the Soviet capital for the first time in his long career.

"I've always wanted to come to Moscow, but nobody ever asked me," he said.

Gillespie, 72, finally got the invitation from One World For All, a charity for peace and the environment. He played in East Berlin on Wednesday and travels next to Prague, Czechoslovakia.

After Thursday's concert, attended by about 2,500 people in the concert hall of the hotel Rossiya near Red Square, a Soviet fan said he also had wanted a long time.

"I'm delighted that after 40 years of dreaming, in my life I've gotten to see and hear Dizzy Gillespie," said Igor Iokis.

LOS ANGELES: Close friends on Sunday called on Sammy Davis Jr. said by his doctor to be dying of throat cancer, while fans stood vigil outside his Beverly Hills home.

"Sammy is resting comfortably with his loved ones around him, and that is the way he wants it," said Davis' physician Dr. Irving Posnanski.

Davis, 64, returned home from Cedars Sinai hospital on March 13 to be with his third wife Altovise, after undergoing eight weeks of chemotherapy. The couple recently adopted a 13-year-old boy, Mamey.

## 'Come See Paradise'

Film on Japanese internment debuts

CANNES, May 14, (AP): Alan Parker's testament to the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, "Come See the Paradise," premiered to thunderous applause yesterday at the 43rd Cannes Film Festival.

The film, one of 19 competing for the coveted Golden Palm Award, marked a departure from violence for the British-born director, whose previous works include "Mississippi Burning" and "Midnight Express."

"I'm always being reproached for showing violence," Parker said at a

Parker researched, wrote and directed his film, inspired by the plight of Japanese-Americans interned in camps during World War II by a US government fearing they might remain loyal to Tokyo.

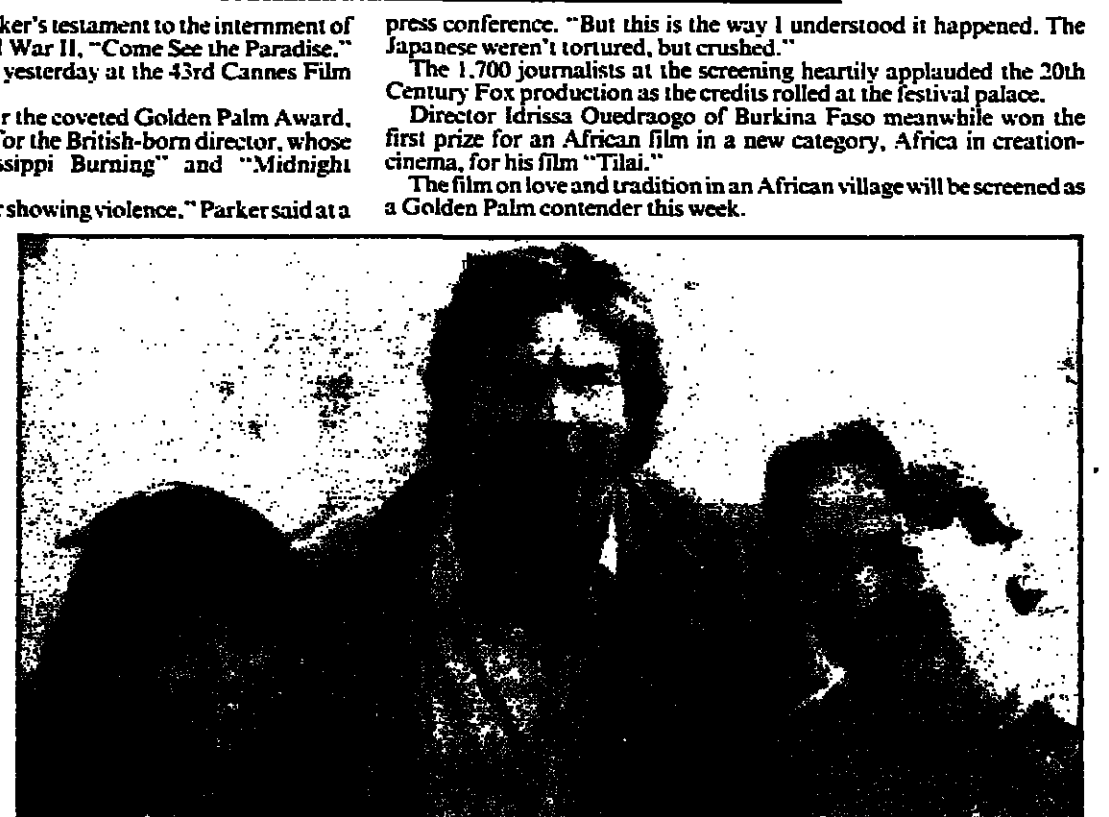
"I think it will bring attention to the camps for people who don't know anything about them," Parker said. "I hope it will not be as controversial a film as 'Mississippi Burning.'"

The film focuses on the love story between Dennis Quaid, who plays a white American married to Japanese-American portrayed by Tamlyn Tomita.

As Quaid goes off to war, she lives through the destruction of her father's dignity, joining him in an intern camp before he finally wanders off into the desert in his underwear to die.

"This history was forgotten, swept under the carpet," Quaid said at the news conference. "It wasn't taught in the high schools, and it's important that everybody hear about it, because there's a chance it could happen again."

"The Appointed," a film not in the official competition, was also well received by Cannes audiences, giving particular pleasure to its Israeli filmmakers



Parker (right) poses with Quaid (centre) and Tomita after the press conference for his movie.

who chose to tackle the timely theme of religious intolerance.

A well-crafted story on a drifting magician with a fraudulent telepathic show, the movie makes its theme of intolerance universal. It is a brave picture which has found wide support.

Shuli Rand plays Shmoye Ben-David, the magician in the film. Oshre, played by Ronit Elkabetz, a pretty girl with mys-

terious qualities, enters his life and they discover that, by wishing together, they can make objects go up in flames.

"Daniel Washmann's third film, following 'Transit' and 'Hamsin', 'The Appointed' is one of the most expensive movies ever produced in Israel. Six weeks of shooting took place in Galiel using a large cast, which included thousands of extras.

"Shooting there was a special experience, it had a calming effect on all of us," Bleiberg said.

A third film shown yesterday was "The Interrogation" by the Polish director Ryszard Bugajski. Filmed 10 years ago at the start of the Solidarity movement, the movie tells the story of a young bar singer arrested by the secret police and interrogated, beaten and tortured.

## BRITISH CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD.

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People who left the UK before they were old enough to be included on the Electoral Register may register as overseas electors.

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\$2.86m record price

## Rolls auctioned

PALM BEACH, May 14, (AP): A 1907 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost sold at auction for \$2.86 million on Saturday, a new world's record price for a Rolls, a auction spokesman said.

"This is the best Rolls there is," British businessman Charles Howard said of the cream-colored car, once owned by the Rockefeller family. "I've watched this car for 20 years. I'm very thrilled to get it now."

It and a sister auto, which sold for \$2.25 million, are two of only four of the cars known to exist.

They were from the collection of Rick Carroll. He spent 27 years buying and restoring cars and automobile memorabilia before his death in a car crash last year.

"These cars were the blood that made his heart pump," said Tom Ehrbar, a friend of Stuart's. "He tucked them in at night, literally."

People from Florida, Europe and Japan spent nearly \$21 million on 23 other vintage autos — including seven Duesenbergs, a Bentley, Packard and a baby Bugatti — auctioned Saturday by Sotheby's at the breakers.

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## US blocks access to documents: Panama

PANAMA CITY, May 14, (UPI) — A Panamanian magistrate said US officials are obstructing justice by restricting his access to documents he needs to investigate former associates of ousted military ruler Manuel Antonio Noriega.

When US forces ousted Noriega in the invasion last Dec 20, they confiscated 15,000 boxes of documents from the Panamanian military and from government offices.

Eusebio Marchosky, who heads a team of government auditors, said he needs the documents to investigate officials who served under Noriega and are suspected of stealing hundreds of millions of dollars in public funds.

"The US government and the US army have been doing things that contribute to the obstruction of Panamanian justice," Marchosky told United Press International in an interview. "We want to widen the investigation and we need those documents."

Many of the boxes are held by the military at Flamenco Island near Fort Amador, a joint US-Panamanian base in the capital.

Marchosky said the US military has refused him free access to the documents, but has allowed access to members of the public force, the new Panamanian Security Force made up primarily of former members of the Panamanian Defence Force headed by Noriega.

"The people in the public force have access to some very sensitive documents. These are exactly the same people who must be investigated," Marchosky said, likening the US attitude to "letting the mouse guard the cheese."

The US embassy and US Southern Command have declined to make any comment on Marchosky's charges, although a US official who asked not to be identified confirmed US military officials had made some of the documents available to members of the police force.

After three months of waiting, Marchosky was allowed to visit Flamenco Island but US military officials refused to give him unrestricted access to the boxes. Instead, he was told he must file requests for specific documents before they would be turned over.

Marchosky said that is impossible because he does not know exactly what information the documents contain. He wants unlimited access to sift through the documents for thousands of payroll receipts, cancelled checks and other records.

Hundreds of civilians affected by the US invasion of Panama last December have run into obstacles as they seek compensation from the US government for their losses, lawyers and US officials say.

More than 800 claims have been filed at the US Army Claims Service in Panama by civilians who were injured, lost property or whose family members were killed during the invasion that began Dec 20.

Most of these losses, however, are considered an inevitable reality of war and are not covered under the US Foreign Claims Act, according to the US Army. A US Army helicopter crashed on Sunday in the remote eastern province of Darien on a routine training exercise, injuring all 15 servicemen aboard, an army spokesman said.

### Tax fraud

## Fujimori accused

LIMA, May 14, (Reuters) — A Peruvian congressman has filed criminal charges against presidential candidate Alberto Fujimori for alleged tax evasion on a real estate deal last year.

Deputy Fernando Olivera accused Fujimori, the leader in public opinion polls before elections on June 10, of under-declaring by \$37,000 the value of a house he sold in December.

Olivera, an independent who won re-election to his seat in April on an anti-corruption platform, filed the charges at a Lima state prosecutor's office on Saturday.

## Castro 'in good spirits, always'

HAVANA, May 14, (Reuters) — President Fidel Castro says he sleeps and eats well, can work up to 17 hours a day and is as enthusiastic at age 63 as he was on the first day of the Cuban revolution 31 years ago, Cuba's state media reported yesterday.

The Cuban media quoted statements made by Castro to Spanish journalists earlier in the week in which he gave a rare glimpse of his private life.

Castro, who will be 64 on August 13, said he was "in good spirits, as always."

## Unauthorised Antigua talks

# Israel to censure Klein

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 14, (AP) — The Defence Ministry yesterday decided to file a police complaint against reserve Colonel Yair Klein for holding unauthorised talks on the establishment of a military training camp in Antigua, a senior ministry official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed an Israel television report that the complaint did not link Klein with the Israeli weapons sent to Antigua and diverted to a Colombian drug lord.

Israel radio said the complaint procedure would be completed in several days, when the Defence Ministry submits additional documents.

Klein's attorney Yigal Shapiro said the complaint concerned some areas in which there were no clear instructions from the Ministry of Judicial Precedents.

"We think that Klein did not need an authorisation to conduct the talks, but this will be clarified by

the court," Shapiro said.

Shapiro also said that Antigua investigators promised Klein immunity if he testified on the Caribbean island about the Israeli arms diversion.

"The Antiguan decided that if he came to Antigua he would have immunity but they haven't asked him to go yet," Shapiro said. "If they want Klein to come they will send both him and me tickets and we will go."

The four-member Antiguan team headed by the nation's diplomatic to the UN, Patrick Lewis, questioned Klein twice during their visit to Israel last week.

Klein says he had tried to set up a training camp equipped with Israeli weapons on Antigua for Panamanian rebels opposed to the rule of Gen. Manuel Noriega, who was ousted by US forces last December.

Israel television said Saturday that the CIA was informed of and had not opposed Klein's plans.

## Coup attempt leaves 5 dead

ANTANARIVO, May 14, (Reuters) — Five people were killed and 20 wounded on the Indian ocean island of Madagascar in a failed weekend coup attempt during which rebels held the state radio station, hospital sources said today.

Commandos ended yesterday's coup attempt when they stormed the radio station but government officials said journalists and technicians taken hostage when the rebels seized the building at dawn all escaped unhurt.

Police, who had clashed with stone-throwing supporters of the rebels outside the station, arrested 13 people.

These included Joma Ernest and Jean-Jacques Rafalimanana, who belong to the conservative opposition party Voany Iray Tay Miraky and who took part in a similar "radio coup" attempt last July.

Another detainee was a member of the nationalist opposition party Madagascar for the Malagasy. Police said the rest were students and workers.

The rebels had broadcast a statement saying they were ending 15 years of dictatorship rule by President Didier Ratsiraka. But the government returned to the air a few hours later with a communique saying it was in control.

Offices and shops were open as usual in the capital Antananarivo today and the main political parties in Ratsiraka's coalition government rallied behind him to condemn the coup attempt.

Madagascar, a former French colony 250 miles off the coast of Mozambique, is one of the poorest countries in Africa with a per capita income of \$200 a year.

"It is quite calm in the streets today," a US embassy official said today in a telephone interview from Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. "It seems it's all over."

The official spoke on condition of anonymity. Soldiers launched tear-gas canisters into the radio station and exchanged fire with the dissidents, who were reportedly armed with automatic rifles, pistols, and knives.

The rebels seized the station at 6:30 am (0330 GMT) and announced that Ratsiraka's government had been overthrown. They were overpowered six hours later.

## Strange disease strikes Namibia

WINDHOEK, May 14, (Reuters) — Namibia has declared a state of emergency in northern areas near Angola to help thousands of people struck by a mysterious stomach disease linked to outbreaks of malaria, state radio said today.

President Sam Nujoma ordered the emergency measures while visiting the region, where health officials say 30 people have died and 2,000 have been treated in hospitals for the illness in the past few weeks.

He asked the public to help transport the sick to hospitals.

The drug traffickers are under great pressure in Medellin where authorities have sent thousands of police and soldiers and placed some areas under military control. By exploding bombs elsewhere, they could hope to disperse the police effort.

The army struck a major blow against the Medellin cartel last week, seizing a record 14 tonnes of cocaine. It also detained four prominent Medellin citizens last week on suspicion of involvement in drug-related terrorism.

Saturday's bombings shocked Colombians, accustomed to violence, because unlike many previous attacks targeted at businesses, government institutions or police, the Saturday blasts were indiscriminate. The Bogota bombs were packed with shrapnel, designed to inflict maximum casualties.

"Before they always had a specific target. In this case (the victims) are all innocent. That's the most terrible thing," Jorge Melo, director of Bogota's Institute of Political Studies, told Reuters.

# Winnie is victim of persecution: Mandela

## De Klerk in Portugal to break isolation

LAGOS, May 14, (Agencies) — South African black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela defended his wife, Winnie, yesterday and said "she has been the victim of the most scandalous persecution by the government and its agencies."

It was Mandela's first comment on criticism of Mrs Mandela, who was ostracised by some anti-apartheid leaders for her alleged involvement in attacks by her bodyguards on blacks in Soweto.

"Even now, as I am talking to you, she is still being persecuted in South Africa," Mandela said in a speech to 30,000 cheering Nigerians. Mandela said his wife had suffered during his 27 years in prison,

particularly because of restrictions imposed under a banning order which severely restricted her movement and conduct.

Despite the banning order, she "fought back against all forms of injustice," Mandela said.

He made no specific reference to allegations his wife was involved in her bodyguards' alleged reign of terror.

On May 2, one of the bodyguards, Jerry Richardson, went on trial for murder in the killing of 14-year-old Stompie Seipei Mooketsi. Three men have testified they were abducted with Mooketsi and taken to

Mrs Mandela's Soweto house. They testified she beat them with a whip and her fists. She then permitted her bodyguards to assault them, the men testified.

Nigeria today awarded Mandela one of its highest honours, praising him as the ambassador of freedom.

"Nelson Mandela is a source of inspiration for all humanity... the ambassador extraordinary of freedom and justice," said President Ibrahim Babangida, the military leader of Africa's most populous nation.

He made the 71-year-old ANC deputy president a Commander of the Order of the Niger, an honour previously granted to only one foreigner, British anti-apartheid campaigner Trevor Huddleston.

Accepting the award, Mandela said that he did so on behalf of the leadership of the ANC and the people of South Africa. "No single individual can assume the role of a hero or a messiah. Honours received must be understood as given to the organisation to which he belongs and the people he represents," he said.

He said ANC's goal — dismantling of South Africa's apartheid system of racial discrimination — required unity between progressive groups.

Mandela told a cheering crowd of Nigerians yesterday that he was grateful to them and their government for helping win his release.

The crowd roared, interrupting Mandela when he said: "As you know, I have been in prison for 27 years." Mandela, after the roar subsided, said: "Many people, many countries, many governments, many organisations, many individuals, called for my release. With them is that call were the government and people of Nigeria."

"I am here today partly because of the contribution to that cause of the government and people of Nigeria."

While South African President F.W. de Klerk tours European capitals informing leaders of recent talks to end apartheid, Mandela urged the West not to ease sanctions against South Africa.

"Our policy is very clear. We have called on the international community to isolate South Africa and that is still our position," Mandela told a news conference in the Angolan capital and the end of a three-and-a-half-day official visit.

Asked whether he intended to run for president in any future democratic elections in South Africa, the veteran leader said: "I would like to indicate that I have no such ambition. I will do what the ANC and the South African people require me to do."

Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos also supported Mandela's plea for the West not to ease sanctions.

There is a movement in Europe and other continents in favour of easing sanctions against South Africa. But in our opinion hurried steps should not be taken to do this," he said.

"Economic sanctions were introduced with the view of reaching an objective, and while the objective — the abolition of apartheid — is not realised, it doesn't seem proper to ease them," Dos Santos concluded.

Meanwhile, President De Klerk arrived in Portugal today for two days of talks expected to focus on efforts to end regional conflicts in Southern Africa.

### Collision

Efforts to disperse an oil slick caused by a collision between a tanker and a trawler in the English Channel intensified on Monday as winds threatened to push the spillage closer to shore.

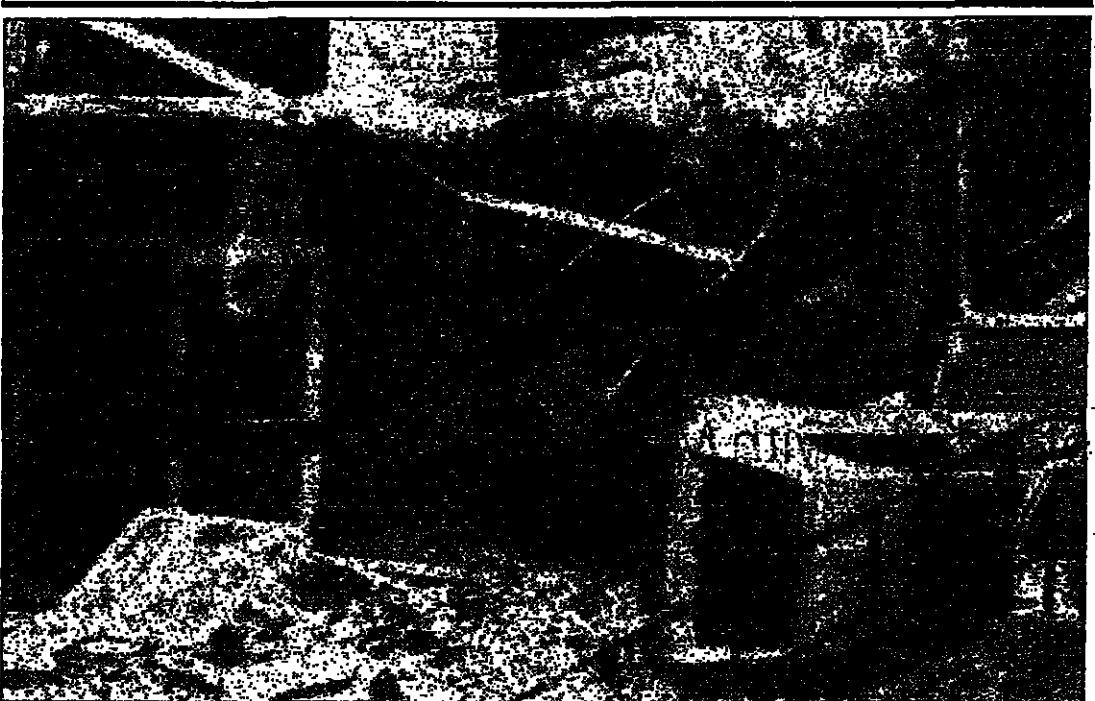
"We predict that oil will come ashore somewhere and there will be some pollution. But we can't foretell when and where," a coastguard spokesman said.

Pollution control aircraft sprayed detergent on 1,000 tonnes of crude oil discharged on Saturday after the

274,531-tonne supertanker Rosebay (above), on its way from Iran to Sweden, was in collision with a trawler 14 miles off Start Point in Devon, southern England.

Three vessels were on standby to mop up the slick, which coastguards said measured eight miles by 10 miles and was drifting westward off the Devon coast.

The Rosebay, anchored south of Lyme Bay, had been patched up after damage to its hull and was awaiting permission to continue its journey to Sweden.



An official (L) investigates the scene of a bomb explosion at the Institute of Army Education in the London suburb of Eltham. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast, which injured five people. (Reuters wirephoto).

## Army centre blast

### Six wounded in UK

LONDON, May 14, (Reuters) — A bomb exploded outside a British Army education building in South-East London today, wounding six civilians, smashing windows and blasting doors off their hinges.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack but the head of the London police anti-terrorist unit, commander George Churchill-Coleman, pointed a finger at Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas.

He told reporters the explosion which badly damaged the entrance to the Institute of Army Education in the suburb of Eltham was caused by an "improvised device or bomb" placed outside the building and rigged with a timing mechanism.

About 50 soldiers and civilians were inside the building at the time of the blast, which hurled a car onto its side and damaged others in a nearby car park. All

the injured were civilians, Churchill-Coleman said.

"Be under no illusions about the provisional IRA. They are not too concerned whether it is civilians or who it may be. They placed a device there and who was injured and who would have perhaps suffered death is a matter of luck," he said.

IRA guerrillas have in the past attacked military bases in mainland Britain and continental Europe in their campaign to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Last September, 11 Royal Marines bombards were killed by an IRA bomb at their music school in Deal, south-east England.

The IRA admitted responsibility for two bombs in England in February. One, in a military van, wounded two soldiers in the city of Leicester and the other exploded at an army careers office in Halifax.

## 18 die in train blast

MAPUTO, May 14, (AP) — Guerrillas used remote-controlled mines Saturday to blow up a train carrying Mozambican migrant mineworkers home from South Africa, killing 18 and injuring 53, police said yesterday.

Also, South African radio reported heavy fighting between the guerrillas and the Mozambican Army along the South African border near Komatipoort on Saturday night.

Radio South Africa said 3,000 Mozambicans waded across the Komati river or fled through the gates of the electrified border fence, which South African border officials opened for the refugees. Most of the Mozambicans spent the night in South Africa and were sent back across the border yesterday, the radio report said.

The Mozambican National News Agency, AIM, said that once the train had been immobilised by the explosives at Movenze, about 42 kilometres (26 miles) northwest of Maputo, the guerrillas opened fire on the passengers. They then looted the train and kidnapped an unknown number of people, AIM said, quoting police and survivors.

# Vatican marks 'versary

## 1981 attempt to kill Pope

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, May 14, (Reuters) — Vatican officials on board the papal plane yesterday held an emotional commemoration of the ninth anniversary of the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul.

"Nine years ago at this precise moment there was one of the most incredible manifestations of hatred against a man who only preached love," said Vatican Secretary of State Agostino Casaroli while en route to Curacao, the last stop before the Pope's return to Rome from a gruelling eight-day tour of Mexico.

Casaroli recalled the event to the Pope and reporters on board the papal Aeromexico DC-10 at 9:17 am (1317 GMT), the exact moment the Pope was

shot in 1981.

The memory of the shooting still evoked "the incredible horror of that moment," Casaroli said.

Nine years ago Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca shot and nearly killed the Pope as he was riding in an open jeep during a general audience in St Peter's Square.

The attack, which shook the world, took place on the feast day of the Madonna of Fatima and the Pope believes it was her intercession which saved his life.

"Providence not only saved his life, but in a certain sense it renewed his strength," Casaroli said on board the

Ironically, Vatican security officials were nervous because there was no glass-topped, bullet-proof "pope-mobile" on hand in Curacao. The Pope drove most of the 15 mile (25 km) route from the airport to the centre of Willemstad standing up in a white station-wagon, exposed from the waist up to potential attacks.

The Pope has hidden behind bullet-proof glass since 1981.

Willemstad, with its sleepy atmosphere, palm trees and brightly coloured Dutch gabled houses, was a stark change of pace for the Pope after a gruelling eight days in hot and dusty Mexico. The island lies 60 miles (100 km) north of Venezuela.



Pope John Paul II gives his blessing to a woman and her child during a rally on Sunday. The Pope stopped at Curacao island following his tour of Mexico. (Reuters wirephoto)



# Yugoslav soccer violence sparks fears of ethnic unrest

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, May 14. (Reuters): Clashes between rival Serbian and Croatian soccer fans that injured more than 100 people, 10 critically, sparked new fears of ethnic unrest in Yugoslavia today and raised concern for the sport's future.

More than 2,000 police used tear-gas, batons and water cannon in battles with fans from Red Star Belgrade and Dinamo Zagreb who started fighting an hour before a First Division match yesterday in Zagreb, the Croatian capital.

Croatia's Parliament called for the culprits to be punished and demanded an inquiry after fans left a trail of destruction outside the

ground, setting cars ablaze and smashing shop windows. Witnesses heard gunfire and saw flames in the stadium.

Deputy Croatian Interior Minister Ivan Sokac said more than 200 fans had been detained and about 50 would be prosecuted. He denied police, who had to call in reinforcements, were unprepared but said they may have been late reacting.

Western diplomats expressed fears the clashes would trigger more widespread unrest between Serbs and Croats, Yugoslavia's biggest ethnic groups and traditional rivals for power. Tensions are already running high

after free elections in Croatia.

The head of the Yugoslav soccer team said the country should consider giving up the sport and a newspaper said Yugoslav teams should be banned from European club competitions. Dinamo's president proposed abolishing the First Division in 1991.

"Soccer witnessed one of its bitterest moments of hatred yesterday. A frenzied mob of wanton fans on the rampage turned the green pitch of the stadium into a stage for acting out the basest passions," the Serbian daily Politika said.

Zagreb doctors said more than 100 people had been hurt but no one was known to have

been killed in what newspapers called the worst soccer violence in Yugoslavia since World War Two.

Yugoslav media said more than 60 people were hurt, including 24 police. Witnesses said a policeman lost an eye.

The violence followed crowd trouble the previous weekend in Belgium, West Germany, the Netherlands and England, which is excluded from European club competitions. About 170 people were arrested in those clashes between rival fans and police.

Witnesses said fans from rival Serbian teams had joined forces to travel to the match, a week after Red Star won the League title and

forced arch-rivals Dinamo into second place.

Red Star fans shouted "We will stab all Croats" and Dinamo fans chanted "we will stab Serbs".

Tension is high after the Croatian Democratic Union, which has strong nationalist and separatist leanings, won free parliamentary elections in Croatia last week.

Some politicians fear civil war because of growing nationalism on top of economic crisis in the Balkan federation.

"This fighting will certainly have a bearing on relations between Serbia and Croatia and at this time no one knows what could start next," a Western diplomat said.

The 600,000 Serbs living in Croatia fear persecution. They recall the World War Two massacre of several hundred thousand Serbs, Jews and gypsies which they blame on the leaders of Croatia's wartime quisling state.

A Yugoslav soccer federation official said Uruguay had sent a telex today cancelling a match against Yugoslavia scheduled for May 30, but gave no reason. He said the riots also jeopardised a match against the Netherlands on June 3.

Borisav Jovic, who assumes the Yugoslav presidency next week, urged communists to come to the aid of their beleaguered party in comments published yesterday.

## Moscow maintaining blockade

Money flowing freely to Lithuania, says Soviet official

VILNIUS, May 14. (UPI): A Lithuanian spokesman said today Moscow was maintaining a monetary blockade of the republic despite a Soviet official's claim that money was flowing freely to Lithuanian banks.

In the neighbouring Baltic Republic of Latvia, meanwhile, officials said dozens of Soviet troops had tried to enter Parliament to submit a petition protesting the move to independence but were rebuffed.

Marika Berzina, a spokeswoman for the Latvian Parliament, said about 50 soldiers had tried to push past Popular Front guards to get into the Parliament this morning but left after about a half hour.

There were no injuries in the incident, she said.

Another spokesman for the Latvian government, Pauls Raudseps, estimated the number of soldiers at about 200 and said they had roughed up some bystanders as they were leaving.

In Lithuania, a spokesman for the Parliament in Vilnius said the republic's banks had enough money to pay salaries and expenses despite the fact that Moscow has stopped its normal transfers of money as part of an economic blockade to force the government to back from its declaration of independence.

"They are not getting anything — no rubles, no dollars," the spokesman said.

Arnold Volukov, deputy chairman of the Soviet state bank, said in an interview published in the Communist Party daily Pravda today that the Lithuanians were claiming a Soviet monetary blockade because there had been a run on local banks and withdrawals had been limited.

"Both in March and April we replenished the Lithuanian treasury," Volukov said. "We had to resort to this measure because many residents of the republic hurriedly withdrew their deposits."

The blockade continued as Lithuania's premier returned from a tour of Western nations during which she sought aid for the republic. She suggested the Baltic republic might slow its secession drive in an effort to find "a common solution" with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The leaders of the three Baltic states, which have each declared independence from Moscow in the last two months, sent Gorbachev a telegram after a trilateral summit during the weekend asking for a joint meeting. Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis said.

The three Baltic presidents also sent letters appealing to Gorbachev and President Bush to recognise their republic's independence proclamations of the past two months.

Landsbergis said a separate telegram to Gorbachev asked for joint talks at a site and time to be determined by the Soviet leader, who has demanded that the three defiant republics annul their declarations of independence as the price for negotiations with Moscow.

"Until the Baltic issue is resolved, the Second World War is not over because the three Baltic countries are still victims of the war," Landsbergis told reporters after returning to his capital from their historic Baltic summit in Tallinn.

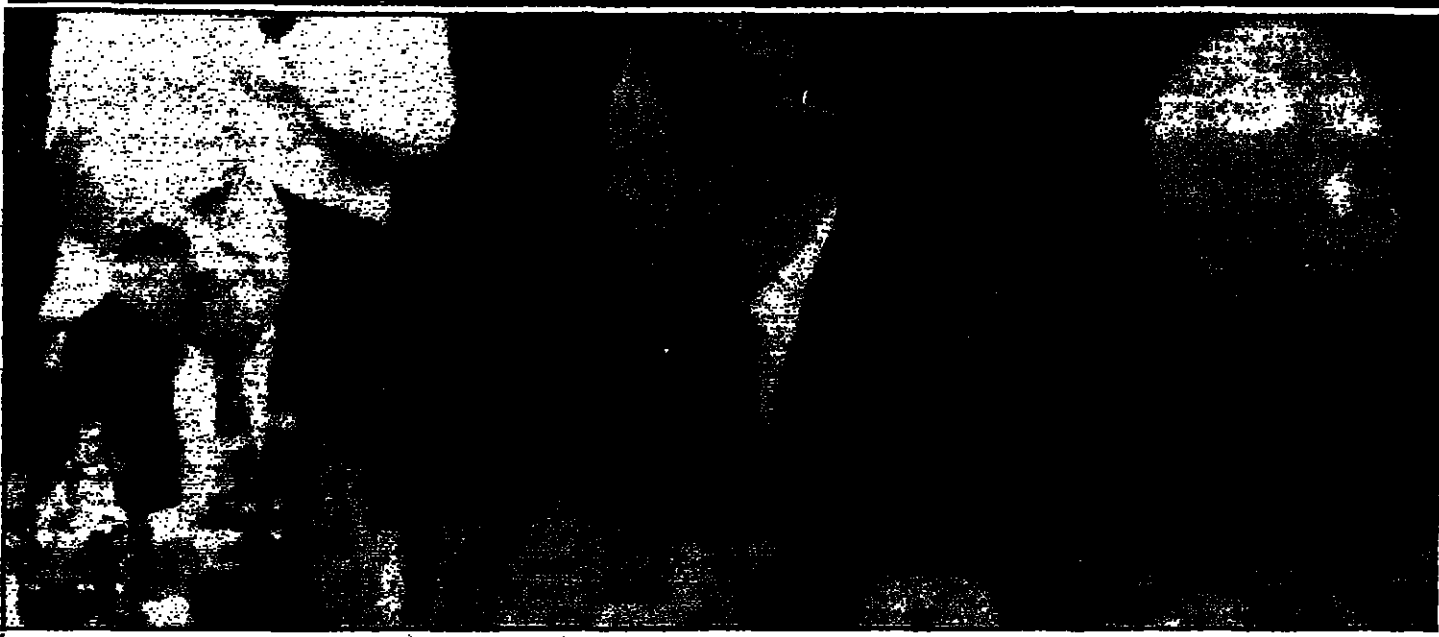
Landsbergis said he and presidents Arnold Rutel of Estonia and Anatolij Gorbunov of Latvia had sent Gorbachev a telegram urging multilateral talks.

Latvian Russian army officers clashed briefly with police outside the Latvian Parliament today after trying to enter the building with a petition against independence. The Latvian Popular Front said.

In a statement issued in the Latvian capital Riga, the front said some 200 officers retreated after a direct appeal by President Anatolij Gorbunov.

Mongolia: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev met Mongolian President Punsalmaag Ochirbat today and discussed relations at a time of dramatic change in the world's two oldest communist states.

The Soviet news agency Tass said Mongolian Communist Party chief Gombojavyn Ochirbat was also present at the Kremlin meeting. The Mongolian leaders arrived yesterday for a three-day working visit.



West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl (left) looks towards Ernest Albrecht (centre), Lower Saxony's CDU State Prime Minister, and Norbert Blum, CDU candidate for state prime minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, at a meeting of the party's leadership on Monday. Kohl's party lost the two state elections held on Sunday to the Social Democrats. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Political jolts for Kohl

Chancellor in talks with Maiziere

EAST BERLIN, May 14. (AP): West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl went into talks with East German Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere today after suffering devastating setbacks in his push to quickly unify the German states.

Kohl's governing coalition lost control of the upper house of parliament after state elections yesterday, one day after a team of experts from both Germanys failed to agree on several key aspects of unification.

The two developments represented serious political jolts for the West German chancellor and victories for Social Democrats in both Germanys.

The left-leaning Social Democrats have been trying to put the brakes on the rapid unification process, contending that it threatens the jobs and pocketbooks of Germans in both countries.

By capturing the upper house of the West German Parliament, the Social Democrats will have vastly more influence over the pace of unification. The victory also strengthens their bid to unseat Kohl in national elections in December.

Dilemmas from East and West Germany completed the draft of a state treaty late on Saturday night that is to serve as a basis for an economic, currency and social union of the countries by July 2.

But West German government spokesman Dieter Vogel conceded that one of the



Social Democratic candidate for Prime Minister Gerhard Schröder smiles after winning the state elections of West Germany's federal state Lower Saxony, in Hannover on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)



North Rhine-Westphalian Prime Minister and SPD chairman Johannes Rau. Rau is the winner of the state election. (Reuters wirephoto)

chief issues of unification — whether to allow West German public to buy up East German real property — has been put on the back burner.

"Negotiations will be continued this week on a political level," Vogel said in Bonn yesterday.

Kohl made it clear today that he was considering holding all German elections Dec 2, the date set for West German general elections.

Reacting to claims he was trying to rush the unification process, Kohl said today that a

swift pace was essential to stop the continuing migration to the West of thousands of East Germans every week.

"One cannot be hesitant now," he said, adding that the question of unification would figure high on the CDU's campaign leading to Dec 2, national elections in West Germany.

Asked whether the Dec 2 polls could become all-German elections, Kohl said that "discussion in the near future will show whether it is possible to combine elections in the GDR (East Germany) with this date."

## Walesa wages war with his allies

WARSAW, Poland, May 14. (AP): Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa declared yesterday that he will not back away from "a war" with his former allies in the government of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

Walesa told intellectual advisers that he had been "on leave" from politics since Mazowiecki took control of the government eight months ago "because I was convinced that everything would go on all right."

"Today I return from this leave, because I want to have a war ... a war that gives peace to the society at the bottom."

Addressing the National Citizens Committee, an unofficial panel founded to advise Walesa and act as the Solidarity movement's political wing, Walesa said a fight is needed to stir up ideas so that the government does not become too isolated from the people.

Walesa said he was not opposed to the government itself, but to "stagnation."

"I will be shouting, but I will help this government and parliament, because they are going in the right direction," he said.

Mazowiecki did not attend the meeting, sending a curt two-sentence note that said he had promised instead to be at a mass in Krakow.

Later, at a meeting at a nearby Nowa Huta Steel Mill, Mazowiecki said the drive for a complete reform, including the removal of all former communist authorities, must be balanced with a need for a peaceful transition.

"We are aware of the existence of what one may call the hunger for justice. We know that people are unwilling to look at those who are to blame. At the same time there exists a need for security and calm. One must not allow this hunger to transform into common struggle and conflicts," Mazowiecki said.

A number of other long-time intellectual advisers to Solidarity who normally attend such citizens committee meetings were also absent, although it could not be determined if they were boycotting.

Several speakers at the session that stretched into late afternoon defended Mazowiecki and challenged Walesa's behaviour as harmful to Poland.



Residents of Brasov, Romania, gathered to disrupt a rally being held by the Liberal party in the city centre on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Ceausescu's fall plot

Crowds mob premier

## Roman campaigns

BUCHAREST, May 14. (Reuters): A Romanian newspaper has published "proof" that the ruling National Salvation Front secretly plotted dictator Nicolae Ceausescu's downfall for months — and took over the December revolution that ousted him.

Just a week before Romania holds its first free elections for 50 years, the independent daily Romania Libera carried what it said were transcripts of a meeting of the revolutionary leaders, casting doubt that their action was spontaneous.

To the thousands of anti-government protesters occupying Bucharest's University Square, the new evidence increased their belief that a popular revolution was hijacked by the Front.

Critics of the Front, which is tipped to win the elections, say its ranks contain many communists from the old, discredited era.

Romania's new leaders have consistently denied any form of pre-arranged coup, saying they were thrust forward by protesters on December 22, 1989 in an uprising that led to Ceausescu's trial and execution.

Opponents of the Front say its behaviour amounted to a coup d'etat planned in advance by a small group of dissidents and army generals.

Most Romanians believe Ceausescu was ousted in a huge emotional wave of national fury that forced the Stalinist leader to flee Bucharest as the people screamed "rat" at him.

But the newspaper published a transcript of tapes of the first meeting of revolutionary leaders — held less than two hours after Ceausescu fled in a helicopter.

This, it confirmed, strengthens evidence that the present "revolutionary" leaders, including President Ion Iliescu and Prime Minister Petre Roman, plotted Ceausescu's overthrow months in advance and have

IASI, Romania, May 14. (AP): Few Romanians knew who Petre Roman was before the December revolution. Now tens of thousands mob him like a rock star on his swings around the country campaigning for the May 20 elections.

Thousands of people protest daily in Bucharest and some other cities, accusing the governing National Salvation Front of planning to install a new communist government. The front took over when dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was overthrown and executed.

In the towns and countryside, the government and its leaders are much more popular.

At Iasi, 160 miles (260 kilometres) northeast of Bucharest, the crowd of 20,000 pressed so close that Roman ordered his driver to speed away. His spokesman was spreadeagled on the back of the vehicle, desperately clutching the antenna.

After the campaign tour last week, the 43-year-old premier predicted the front would win Romania's first free elections in 50 years.

He, interim President Ion Iliescu and many other front members are former officials of the Ceausescu government who fell out with the dictator. Roman said in an interview that critics were "partly justified" in suspecting them of being "neo-communists."

"We lived 50 years under dictatorship, so the suspicion for some of them may be sincere," the premier said in an interview about his campaign plans.

Opposition claims that the front seeks to restore Marxist-style government should not be taken seriously, he said.

"If you assume that the 4 million members of the party were really communists, you are wrong," Roman said of Communist Party membership under Ceausescu. "Many even at the middle level were in reality fighting to preserve human rights, at risk to themselves."

International attention has focused on mass protest against the front and Roman's government that began April 22 in downtown Bucharest, and on opposition accusations that the front is using unfair tactics in the campaign. The United States recalled its ambassador for consultations May 10.

At times, 10,000 people have been involved in the Bucharest protest. Similar demonstrations have been reported in Brasov, Romania's second-largest city, and Timisoara, where the uprising against Ceausescu began.

since run the country for their own political purposes.

The video tapes, which have never been screened on television, reveal that the Front — the voice of the revolution — existed six months before Ceausescu was overthrown.

At the Front's supposedly first meeting, in the Romanian Communist Party Central Committee building on December 22, an army general castigated other revolutionaries for arguing about the name of their movement.

"But gentlemen, the National Salvation Front has been active for the past six months," said

Nicolae Militaru, who served briefly as defence minister in the interim government formed by the Front.

Romania Libera said in an editorial on Friday: "There is proof that the NSF existed before the revolution and was not an emanation of it."

Western diplomats studying the dramatic events in Romania between December 16, when the protests began, and Christmas Day, when Ceausescu was executed, say the dictator's decision to make a public speech in Bucharest on December 21 still puzzles analysts.

## Romanians flood into East Germany

Refugees see GDR as passageway to prosperity

EAST BERLIN, May 14. (AP): The mess hall is a mess, the army cook is harried and the jostling line of anxious diners is ready for a military meal of meat and potatoes.

These are not East German soldiers on achow break, however, but Romanians on the run. Scores are fleeing their East bloc nation daily for a former communist country that has moved more quickly toward reform.

About 700 Romanians and a few hundred Bulgarians have packed into two barracks at an East German army base on the outskirts of Berlin. Hundreds more are housed in a building once used by East Germany's feared secret police.

"Every day there are more. They come here, see the free food and the free housing, and call home. Then more come," Maj. Harry Kretschmer says as he strolls through a hallway packed with squalling children and milling adults.

"We do not know what to do with them. We are filled to capacity," Kretschmer said.

East Germany, reeling from a creaky economy and an exodus of its own citizens to West Germany, suddenly finds itself luring other East Europeans whose countries do not have a wealthy neighbour to help them emerge from four decades of oppression. The government said it decided last week to begin housing and feeding the Romanians and Bulgarians who show up daily in train stations with battered bags of belongings, but no money.

Many see East Germany as the new threshold of the West, a passageway to prosperity.

"I came here for work and to escape the communists," says Tania Neascu, 19, from Bucharest. "I want to go to West Germany and go to America."

At least 50 to 70 Romanians daily arrive in East

Germany, but the numbers may be much higher, said Matthias Jahr, a member of the East Berlin foreigners commission.

Romanians comprise the largest group of refugees, Jahr said, followed by Bulgarians. The government has no figures on how many East Europeans have flooded into the country in recent months.

But the newly opened borders in Eastern Europe have turned East Germany into a crossroads of commerce and a lure for the disadvantaged. Thousands of Poles travel daily to Berlin to hawk wares along streets and in squares.

Jahr also said his office has received numerous requests for asylum from Soviet Jews who want to flee a new wave of anti-Semitism at home.

The Romanians began arriving in late April, about the time political strife intensified in their country.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Baker mission to Moscow:** US Secretary of State James Baker arrives in Moscow on Tuesday on a crucial diplomatic mission to smooth the way to the May 30-June 3 superpower summit, a task made more difficult by a new harder Kremlin line.

Baker's four days in Moscow will provide the last real chance to elicit agreement in principle on a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start), US officials say.

Presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev set this out as a key aim when they met in Malta last December. The May 30-June 3 summit is intended to be a much more extensive follow-up. (Reuters)

**Albania may reopen churches:** Albania is considering whether to reopen places of religious worship, closed for more than two decades, as part of reforms to its orthodox communist system. United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said on Sunday.

He also said he had received assurances in talks with Albanian leaders that six asylum-seekers from the same family who have sheltered in the Italian embassy in Tirana since December 1985 would be allowed to leave the country "in a very short time."

Ending an official visit to Europe's last orthodox one-party communist state, the UN chief said the Albanian government had told him it would not retreat from its new process of reform and had shown "great flexibility on all questions of human rights." (Reuters)

**Afflicted with lice:** Thousands of children in Moscow suffer from head lice, and a shortage of disinfectants leaves no remedy except combing their hair with vinegar and taking showers, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Last year in the Soviet capital, sanitation clinics reported that 4,000 children sought treatment for lice, according to Moskovskaya Pravda, the city Communist Party newspaper.

"And how many more did not seek help?" it asked, asserting that parents' embarrassment and ignorance about the pests mean that number is probably only "the tip of the iceberg." (AP)

**Yeltsin faces challenge:** Leading Communist Party radical Boris Yeltsin on Sunday faced a new challenge to his bid for the presidency of the Soviet Union's largest republic, a power-base from which he could challenge President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Alexander Vlasov, a junior member of the ruling politburo, told Soviet television he would stand for the presidency of the Russian federation in which around half the Soviet Union's 280 million people live and of which he is currently prime minister.

Vlasov said he would emphasise development of agriculture in the republic which stretches from the Baltic to the Bering Straits. He would also work to raise the living standards of the people, 28 million of whom he said live below the poverty line. (Reuters)



# Islam and smokestacks mix in Chinese steel town

## Baotou is testimony to Mao Tse-tung's dream of building industry in deserts and mountains

BAOTOU, China, May 14, (Reuters): On one side of town, donkeys haul carts through narrow streets of mudbrick houses and Muslims answer calls to prayer in an ancient mosque.

On the other side of Baotou, in China's remote inner Mongolia region, smokestacks and cooling towers block the view and blacken the sky over one of the country's biggest steelworks.

Baotou is testimony to Mao Tse-tung's dream of building industry in deserts and among mountains during the 1950s, regard-

less of human cost.

Apart from a massive steelworks, Baotou has important military industrial complexes producing tanks and trucks. Unrest here would have serious ramifications.

Though far from the capital and only served by two mostly empty flights a week, students and workers in Baotou responded to last year's democracy movement in Beijing's Tiananmen Square with noisy demonstrations of their own.

"Don't talk about that. It's too sensitive," said a worried steelworker when asked about

Baotou's reaction to the military crackdown in Beijing last June.

"The steelworkers are generally satisfied. They are the best paid people in town... most workers don't care very much about politics, just the practical things in life," he said before joining the flow of bicycles at the end of the day shift.

Baotou's Iron and Steel Company general manager Zhang Guozhong said with some pride that one of his 110,000 workers had joined last year's protest marches.

"They stuck to their production," said

Zhang.

Residents in Baotou had a different account, describing how a group of steelworkers marched under their own banner, joining students and a few workers from military complexes on marches to protest against the June assault on Tiananmen Square.

"There is a restlessness among the workers," said a Baotou intellectual.

"Many go to work and have nothing to do, just sitting there, thinking how long can this go on? Most workers are afraid. If they take

part in protest marches they would lose their jobs — in China that means your livelihood," he added.

Factories locked their gates to prevent workers from joining Baotou's student-led protests, residents said.

"Students saw last June as an awakening for them," said one graduate. "Before June we believed everything the government said. But not any more."

Labour discontent was exacerbated last year when Baotou residents were forced to buy government bonds and surplus fruit

which the locals dubbed "patriotic oranges." Several thousand workers were laid off at smaller factories that went out of business because of the central government's anti-inflation austerity policy.

This year the authorities have taken a softer line, granting wage rises and making sure steel workers in Baotou are among the best paid in China, earning 200 yuan (\$42) a month.

"Most workers are basically satisfied. They eat okay," said a factory electrician, drinking salted tea and dipping his chopsticks with relish into a plate of steamed tripe.

## Deng gives up political work

CAIRO, May 14, (Reuters): China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping says he has given up political work and no longer sees anyone but close friends, an Egyptian newspaper reported today.

Al-Ahram said Deng, 85, made the remarks at the Great Hall of the People yesterday while receiving Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who left China later for North Korea and Moscow.

"I am indeed meeting the leader Deng as a friend," Mubarak was quoted as replying.

Deng's meeting with Mubarak was his first known engagement in almost three months. He has officially retired from all his government posts since troops crushed pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing last June. But diplomats say he remains the most powerful man in China.

Asian financial markets gyrated at the end of last week because of rumours that Deng, architect of a decade of economic reforms, had died.

President Yang Shangkun, speaking at Beijing airport yesterday before leaving for Latin America, told reporters Deng was in regular contact with China's leading politicians despite his official retirement.

A project to beam pro-democracy programmes to China from a radio ship was in jeopardy today with the transmitters stranded in Taiwan and the sponsors caught up in local political infighting.

The French-organised Goddard of Democracy radio ship lay at anchor in the northern Taiwanese port of Keelung with a dozen police on board and a military guard on the alert at the request of Taipei's Ministry of Defence.

With the organisers paralysed by internal strife and the Taiwan government saying it cannot support the ship's goal to broadcast into China, it was unclear whether the security measures were meant to help or hinder the Goddard.

Ship spokesman Xu Tianfang said the vessel would not leave for international waters until Thursday due to unspecified delays.

Scores of students at 50 universities around the country staged weekend hunger strikes in memory of pro-democracy demonstrators slain in China, Tass reported yesterday.

Dozens of students camped in tents on the front lawn of Moscow State University, remembering the Chinese students who fasted on Beijing's Tiananmen Square a year ago, prior to a crackdown.

## Donation appeal for Japan mosque

TOKYO, May 14, (Kuna): The Japanese Islamic Centre today called on world Muslims to extend financial donations for building a new mosque in Tokyo.

The centre, in a statement issued here today, said that Muslims in the capital were dismayed because they lack a mosque to offer their prayers. Hundreds of Muslims offered the last Eid prayer which follows the holy fasting month Ramadan in parks and on pavements.

Since the Yoyogi Mosque's ailing building was closed six years ago, Muslims here used to offer their prayers in the Saudi embassy or in a rented hotel hall.

## Pirates attack Vietnamese boat

### Abduct women, killing many on board

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14, (UPI): Pirates attacked a boat carrying 85 Vietnamese on the South China Sea, abducting young women, killing many of those aboard and leaving the rest to drown, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) said today.

Officials disclosed details of the massacre as described in a statement by a 29-year-old male, the sole survivor, whose name was withheld.

The UNHCR statement quoted the survivor as saying the pirates, aboard two fishing boats, pulled alongside the craft loaded with men, women and children headed to Malaysia.

"Eleven men boarded our vessel with knives and hand-cutting tools, demanding all valuables be handed over to them," the victim said of the May 5 attack, five days after the Vietnamese had left their homeland.

"Those who hesitated or had nothing to hand over were beaten," he said, and females ranging in ages from 16 to 30 were forced to board one of the pirate's ship.

"Later the pirate boats rammed our vessel about 12 times and most of the people fell overboard while some jumped into the sea in panic," the survivor said, describing how the pirates drowned 30 men, women and children by pushing them under water.

After the pirates left, about 40 survivors managed to stay afloat by hanging on to pieces of wreckage. The refugee relating the account said he held onto the broken cabin roof along with his sister, her two children, another man and two women.

Boat people in their flimsy craft have been easy prey for pirates, frequently awaiting their approach in speedy motorized craft.



Im trial goes on

South Korean student Im Su-Kyong heads for the Seoul high court on May 14 for a hearing. Im is accused of illegally visiting North Korea last year. South and North Korea fought a three-year war ending in 1953 and have remained bitter enemies ever since. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Korean dissident held

SEOUL, May 14, (UPI): Authorities have arrested noted opposition figure Kim Keun-Tae on charges of instigating violent anti-government demonstrations, police said today.

Despite the government crackdown on dissidents, leaders of eight universities in Seoul said in a statement they will stage more anti-government actions around May 18, the 10th anniversary of an uprising in Kwangju which killed nearly 200 people.

Kim was taken into custody yesterday at a hideout on Cheju island off the southern coast and was escorted to Seoul, a police spokesman said.

Police had secured a court warrant for the arrest of Kim who was charged with being one of the hard-line leaders behind last week's nation-wide riots demanding the dissolution of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party and President Roh Tae-Woo's resignation.

## Italy seizes parts of 'Iraqi super-gun'

### Man questioned

ROME, May 14, (Reuters): Authorities probing possible Italian involvement in construction of an Iraqi "super-gun" said today a man was being questioned on suspicion of arms trafficking but no arrests had been made.

Adriano Rosellini, public prosecutor in Terni, central Italy, said he planned to seek expert advice on whether 90 tonnes of steel components seized last week could be used to make up the rear end of a giant cannon.

Most of the parts seized had been made by the state-owned Societa Delle Fucine Steelworks in Terni on order from the Iraqi Industry Ministry.

Rosellini, in a statement, said one Italian had been questioned several times and would be interrogated again. He gave no further details.

Seizure of the parts in a police operation on Friday and Saturday followed similar hauls of steel sections in Britain, Turkey and Greece over the past month.

Customs officials in these countries say the parts could help Iraq build a 40-metre (130-foot) gun, able to bombard rivals such as Israel, Iran or Syria.

"It is probable that we will take technical advice which, given the nature of the case, would be at the very highest possible level," Rosellini said.

Politicians demanded a government statement on the seizure of the parts. But Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti left on a two-day visit to Switzerland without making any comment.

Managers at the Societa Delle Fucine Works said they believed the parts, mostly rectangular steel blocks, were intended for Iraq's petrochemical industry.

Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis had a brief meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz who was in Rome to see UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

But officials gave no details of their talks and would not comment on whether the "super-gun" affair was discussed.

In Tel Aviv, a visiting West German minister, said yesterday that Bonn had thwarted covert Libyan efforts to obtain machinery for a second poison gas factory.

# Iraq restricts Rajavi movement, says Iran

## Tehran, Washington sign claims deal

NICOSIA, May 14, (AP): A government-run Iranian weekly said yesterday that Massoud Rajavi, the leader of a Baghdad-based group fighting the Tehran government, has been banned from leaving Iraq.

The weekly, Kayhan Hava, said it was the first time that Rajavi, leader of the Mujahadeen Khalq, had faced such severe restrictions in Iraq. A text of the report, to be published in the May 16 issue, was made available to the Associated Press.

Phone calls late Sunday to the Mujahadeen offices in Baghdad and Iraq cease backing the Mujahadeen as part of any durable peace treaty with Iraq to officially end the eight-year Gulf war.

Thousands of people have been killed in the war between the Iranian government and the Mujahadeen since 1981.

The Mujahadeen were allies of the late Ayatollah Khomeini during the 1979 Islamic revolution that toppled the monarchy.

But the fundamentalists turned against their erstwhile leftist and liberal allies two years later, forcing many to flee the country.

Meanwhile, in The Hague, Netherlands, the United States and Iran have signed a \$105-million settlement for some 3,000 financial claims stemming from the 1979 Islamic revolution, a US official said today.

The settlement, which deals primarily with so-called "small claims" for under \$250,000 clears the way for the tribunal to deal with some \$16 billion in major claims whose resolution could open the way to re-establishing economic relations between the two nations, according to the American official at the Iran-United States claims tribunal.

The small claims package dealt primarily with Americans who left behind personal possessions or were owed salaries by Iranian companies when they fled Iran during the revolution. They were settled for a total of \$50 million.

The settlement also provided \$55 million for repayment of a loan from the US Agency for International Development.

The settlement accord was signed late Sunday night or early Monday morning by Timothy Ramish, US agent to the tribunal, and Iranian agent Ali Nabari, according to the American official at the tribunal, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Aziz, UN chief

## Gulf talks in Rome

ROME, May 14, (Reuters): Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived in Rome yesterday for talks later in the week on the "no-peace-no-war" deadlock that followed the Gulf war.

Airport officials said Aziz and Perez de Cuellar arrived on separate planes at Ciampino military airport within about 30 minutes of each other. They were not thought to have met there.

An Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman said Perez de Cuellar was finishing a two-week European tour in Rome. He was expected to meet Aziz, on a private visit, to discuss the stalemate in the Iraq-Iran peace process.

The spokesman said the meeting was arranged before Italian police on Friday seized 90 tonnes of parts delivered to make up the rear end of a giant Iraqi cannon capable of firing nuclear or chemical weapons several hundred kilometres (miles).

Four containers holding 75 tonnes of steel components made in Italy were due to have been shipped to Baghdad from Naples yesterday.

Brotherhood leader dead: The leader of Senegal's most influential Islamic Brotherhood died on Sunday night, Dakar state radio reported on Monday.

Senegalese Abdul Khadre Mbacke, the 76-year khalif of the Mouride Brotherhood, was buried a few hours after his death in the holy town of Touba, 200 km (125 miles) east of the capital Dakar.

Thousands of Mouride followers headed for Touba after hearing the news of their leader's death. Abdul Khadre Mbacke, a Muslim scholar, became leader of the Brotherhood last June on the death of his elder brother. (Reuters)

Sudan acknowledges loss: Sudan acknowledged Monday that rebels had cut its military access up the White Nile to southern parts of the country, but vowed to retake the key river garrison town of Melut, 370 miles (590 km) south of the capital.

In a rare admission of defeat, a military communiqué said that after three days of fighting off troops of the rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Army, government forces had been forced to evacuate the town. (UPI)

Art exhibition in Tokyo: Prompted by the love of his homeland, Lebanese artist/architect Nadeem Karam has organised an art exhibition and a performance at Sagacho Gallery in downtown Tokyo on Monday.

The exhibition, which was opened in the presence of diplomats, artists and friends of Lebanon, will continue for two weeks.

Following a reception on this occasion, Karam gave a solemn performance of potential peace: stillness, emanation and flickering, symbolising the temple of the obelisks in Lebanon.

The title of the performance "Rebirth" came out of the belief Karam had in the possibility of harmony between space and information devices urged for a sacrifice. (Kuna)

Conference on cancer: French President Francois Mitterrand inaugurates in Paris May 27 the first international conference of the Franco-Arab Cancer Foundation in presence of 250 world experts in this fatal disease.

According to a statement by the foundation, the experts will discuss in three days cancer prevention in several regions of the Arab world and will exchange information in this regard.

In the programme of the second day, Dr Yousef Omar of Kuwait will lead discussions on the priority given to combating this disease in Kuwait and other countries of the Gulf. (Kuna)

Investigating corruption: Algeria's parliament decided on Sunday to form a commission of inquiry into corruption charges by a former prime minister involving an alleged \$26 billion in bribes and commissions, Algerian radio said.

Abdelhamid Brahimi, prime minister from 1984 to 1988, said in March the amount — \$2 billion more than Algeria's current foreign debt — had been lost through foreign contracts. (Reuters)

Fresh attack on Chad: Chad's official radio said on Sunday Libya was recruiting soldiers to stage a fresh attack on Chad from neighbouring Sudan.

The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said frantic military preparations were underway to forcibly enlist young Libyans and foreigners and send them to Sudan.

Relations between Chad and Libya, which improved last year after the two countries signed an agreement over a disputed border area, have cooled sharply in recent weeks. (Reuters)

Waldheim denies report: President Kurt Waldheim, targeted for his wartime past by Israel, the United States and other countries, has denied a published report that he apologised for misleading the Jewish state over his German Army service in the Balkans.

In an interview published Friday by the liberal Israeli newspaper Haaretz, the daily said Waldheim had extended "his personal apology to Israel and its residents," over the issue.

In comments appearing in a weekend issue of Austria's mass-circulation Kurier daily, however, Waldheim said he never made such a statement. (AP)

Arab ambassadors meet: Eighteen Arab ambassadors accredited in Tokyo met Monday with the speaker of the Lower House Yoshio Sakurachi, president of the Upper House Yoshihiko Tsuchiya



Off to US

President Zine-El-Abidine Ben Ali leaves for an official visit to the United States on Monday, where he is expected to discuss the Middle East peace process with President Bush. (Reuters wirephoto)

The two men are also expected to discuss the current situation in the Maghreb countries of North Africa — Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco — especially the rising Islamic tide in Algeria, according to diplomatic sources.

Presidents Bush and Ben Ali met in Washington last November when the Tunisian leader was in the United States to attend the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly.

"This visit will not fail to confirm the excellent bilateral relations based on mutual respect and the common attachment to liberty and peace that have always existed between Tunisia and the United States," the official Tunisian press agency Afrique Presse wrote Sunday.

Diplomatic sources in Tunis said President Ben Ali is expected to ask for increased US aid for his country as well as additional private American investment and trade.

In the picture, President Ben Ali (right) meets former president Habib Bourguiba at the Carthage Presidential Palace on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Shamir downfall US responsible

NEW YORK, May 14, (Reuters): "Some people in Washington should do some soul searching as to their role in toppling the Shamir government two months ago," says the son of former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin in the latest issue of Newsweek International.

Ze'ev Binjamin Begin, a respected Israeli politician on his own, also told the weekly news magazine that many Likud Party members objected to US Secretary of State James Baker's Israeli-Palestinian plan because a Likud proposal for occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip elections was "distorted when an attempt was made to insert the PLO through the back door."

Begin told Newsweek International that he sees no reason for Israel to talk with the PLO, as the South African government has with its longtime foe, the African National Congress. "It's the raison d'être of the PLO to eliminate Israel," he said.

Nonetheless, Begin said: "In principle, we like the idea of an Israeli delegation meeting with a (Palestinian) delegation."

and new chairman of the Japan Arab League Yoshiaki Kibe to discuss mutual co-operation.

The Arab side, led by the dean of Arab ambassadors, Saudi Ambassador Fawzi Al Shobokshi agreed to hold regular meetings with the parliamentary league for friendship with the Arabs.

Cemeteries desecrated: About 250 gravesites in two Jewish cemeteries were discovered desecrated Sunday by anti-Semitic graffiti calling for the extermination of Jews.

Israel Radio reported that a 40-year-old Jewish man, who was mentally disturbed and had been seen frequently in the area, was being questioned by police.

Jewish and Arab leaders denounced the vandalism, which apparently occurred overnight and followed the desecration last week of 34 Jewish graves in southern France. (UPI)

## UK, Iran moving towards dialogue

LONDON, May 14, (Agencies): The British Foreign Office maintained today morning a studied diplomatic silence over a report that UK and Iran were moving towards direct talks, to resolve the outstanding issues between them.

The Times newspaper reported today that London and Tehran were moving towards direct discussions of their differences over the hostages in Beirut, and the Iranian threat against the controversial author Salman Rushdie, and the imprisonment of the British businessman Roger Cooper.

Iran has made it clear through indirect contacts in London that it thinks the "time is ripe," while Britain has begun to play down pre-conditions it had set for changing from indirect to direct talks, the paper pointed out.

It suggested that it is likely that intermediaries will step up contacts with Tehran, leading to a meeting between British and Iranian diplomats in a neutral country.

It was recalled that British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd had repeatedly reiterated that Britain would not rule out direct talks with Iran if they would lead to a successful conclusion.

This Wednesday a meeting will be held in Dublin between Iranian and European community representatives.

Senior officials from Iran are to meet their counterparts from Ireland, which hosts the EEC presidency, France and Italy.

Britain will ask them to bring up its three concerns related to the hostages, the threats against the author of the Satanic Verses and the fate of Cooper, who is being held in Tehran for four years on espionage charges.

Over the weekend there were mounting speculations in the British press about a possible deal to free the Western hostages held in Lebanon.

The commander of Israel's proxy force in southern Lebanon says he is ready to swap a "large number" of the 300 Muslims held by his militia for 16 Western hostages held by pro-Iranian Shiites.

Gen Antoine Lahd, commander of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army, also included in the trade three Israeli servicemen and several of his men held by Shiite factions.

"I'm not only prepared to facilitate such a package deal, but I also hope it could happen," Lahd said yesterday in an interview with the Associated Press at the SLA compound in Marjaoun.

British hostage Terry Waite was reported yesterday to be alive and well in captivity in Lebanon, and British newspapers said several deals may be under way to secure the release of all Western hostages.

An Irish envoy arrived in Beirut today to seek the release of Irish hostage Brian Keenan, kidnapped by pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon four years ago.

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## Beirut women rally to free kin jailed in Israel

BEIRUT, May 14, (Reuters): Weeping Lebanese women protesters, photos of their men in Israeli jails pinned to their chests, said today they only wanted the 15 Western hostages in Lebanon freed if their relatives were also released.

At least 50 women, many old and shrouded in black chadors, marched to the United Nations building to plead for their relatives, hundreds of whom are held in Al-Khiam prison in Israel's self-declared security zone in South

Lebanon.

A solitary man in the crowd said "why should Western hostages get out while our sons don't?"

The father of Bilal Dakroun, held for over four years in an Israeli prison, he said "the West has dollars to pay off the captors. We, because we are poor, nobody cares."

"We have seen and heard how the world was moved and the West enraged about a few Westerners who were kid-

napped in Lebanon," cried one black-clad woman marcher who refused to give her name.

"But unfortunately, we have not seen or heard the least interest in our 3,000 sons held hostage in Zionist prison," she said.

At least 15 Westerners, including six Americans and three Britons, are held hostage by pro-Iranian Muslim groups in Lebanon. Two US hostages were released last month.



A Lebanese woman calms her daughter during demonstrations in West Beirut May 14. (Reuters wirephoto)



# Jordanian riot police clash with protesters

53 hospitalised in bid to reach the bridge

**KING HUSSEIN BRIDGE, May 14, (Reuters):** Jordanian riot police today forcibly dispersed thousands of stone-throwing pro-Palestinian protesters trying to reach a bridge that leads to the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Witnesses said about 60 policemen fired tear-gas and shot in the air to halt about 7,000 young demonstrators, some masked, who broke away from the scheduled route of a march organised to uphold the right of Palestinians to return to their homeland.

Police, with 100 troops and two tanks in their rear, fought running

battles with the protesters for two hours in Jordan's worst violence since price riots 13 months ago killed 12 people.

The demonstrators came within two km (one mile) of the King Hussein Bridge, known in Israel as the Allenby Bridge, in the Jordan valley opposite the Israeli-held town of Jericho.

Police said ambulances ferried 53 people to hospital, most suffering from tear-gas inhalation and exhaustion. All except one man with a heart complaint were later discharged.



Emigration protest

Jordanian riot police argue with pro-Palestinian protesters marching on a river bridge that leads to the Israeli-occupied West Bank yesterday. Police later fired tear-gas to disperse the protest against Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Najib calls on ex-king Shah

**ISLAMABAD, May 14, (Reuters):** Afghan President Najibullah said yesterday he wanted former King Zahir Shah to play an active role for peace in the country, the official Kabul radio reported.

Soviet-backed Najibullah told local journalists in Kabul that he had already made offers for such a role to the ex-king and Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, president of the Afghan rebel government in exile.

"Here is time to take active steps and play a positive role for peace in our country," he was quoted as saying.

His statement followed a message by Zahir Shah urging rival mujaheddin rebel leaders fighting the Kabul government to settle their differences and work for peace, independence and free national elections.

But Zahir Shah, 74, who has lived in exile in Rome since a 1973 coup, said the Western-supported Muslim rebels should not claim political leadership "without the opportunity of referring it to the vote of the Afghan people."

In an apparent reference to the message, Najibullah said the king's "recent declaration will not cure the Afghan people's pains. In order to safeguard peace, he must take active steps."

The king's message to the Afghan people was broadcast on the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Voice of America on Friday, an aide said in Rome. The text was released there on yesterday.

"I have no personal consideration or claim to any special privilege whatsoever. My sole objective is the attainment of national unity and cohesion among the various sides of Afghan society and the establishment of peace in the country," Zahir Shah said.

The king has often been described in the past as one of the few prominent Afghans untainted by the 11-year civil war who could lead the country to peace.

But he has been strongly opposed by Pakistan-based mujaheddin rebel chief Abdurrahman Rasul Sayyaf and some other rebel leaders and has spoken out only on rare occasions in the past year.

Zahir Shah said that despite the Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan in 1988, "the Mujaheddin Afghan nation has not as yet reaped the fruit of its heroic struggle" to oust Najibullah's government.

The rebels have vowed to fight on until they set up an Islamic government of their own.



Hero's sendoff

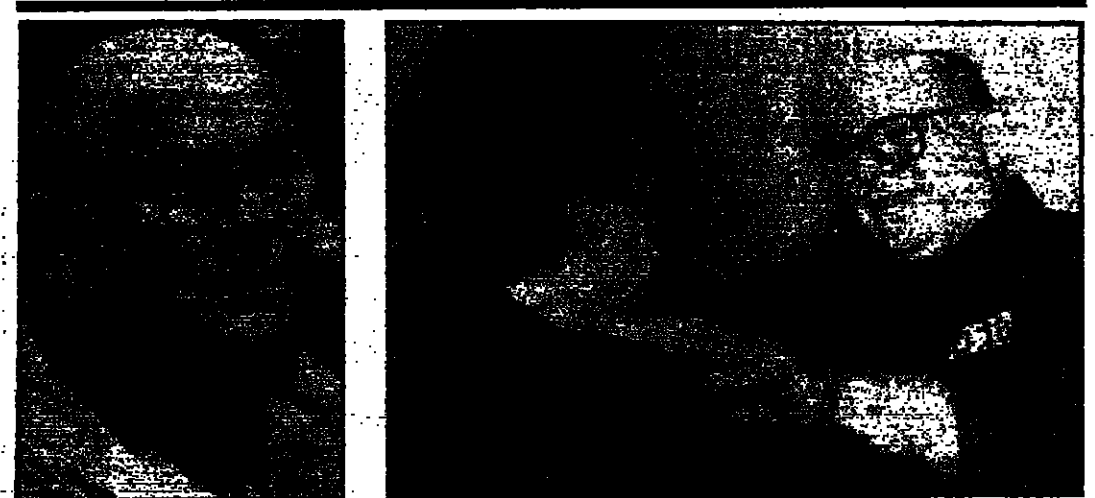
Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank gave an extremist rabbi a hero's sendoff on Monday as he left to serve a five-month prison sentence for killing an Arab shopkeeper.

Singing "David King of Israel," settlers carried Rabbi Meir Kahane, 54, who lives in a heavily-guarded compound in the heart of the Arab city of 80,000, was convicted of causing death by negligence when he shot Arab shopkeeper Hassan Salah after Palestinians stoned his car

early in the 29-month-old uprising. A motorcade of 12 flag-bedecked cars, flashing headlights and honking horns, drove him through Hebron and past Palestinian refugee camps to the Eyal low-security prison near Tel Aviv. Army jeeps lined the route to prevent Arab protests.

Before leaving, Kahane was feted at an open-air ceremony in the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, adjoining Hebron, where schoolchildren were given the morning off to cheer him.

"I am very happy to see this assembly which is not to honour me but to honour Israel and the need to strengthen Israel," he told the crowd. (Reuters wirephoto)



Convicted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk (left) began his death sentence appeal in Israel Supreme Court yesterday in an attempt by his defence lawyer to overturn the conviction. Demjanjuk is convicted of being 'Ivan the Terrible,' a notorious gas chamber operator at the Treblinka death camp in Poland during World War II. At right, Demjanjuk reaches to his son John Jr, after they embraced yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Demjanjuk appeal hearing

Attorney vows to prove mistaken identity

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 14, (UPI):** The defence attorney for convicted war criminal John Demjanjuk began the appeal today of the retired US auto worker's death sentence, vowing to prove that his client was not the Nazi death camp guard "Ivan the Terrible."

Two years after he was convicted of four counts of war crimes, the 70-year-old Ukrainian native returned to court for his appeal. Wearing brown prison pants and a shirt, Demjanjuk was brought handcuffed into courtroom No. 1 of the Supreme Court building.

Demjanjuk, who appeared fit, raised his hands and said "good morning" in Hebrew to the crowd of photographers and cameramen. Moments later, John Demjanjuk Jr approached and kissed his father. His wife

Vera also attended the session. After the five Supreme Court judges entered the courtroom at 9 am, Demjanjuk made the Sign of the Cross and was last to sit down, flanked by two uniformed policemen. Security was heavy in the courtroom and the hallways of the court building.

Summarising the appeal, defence attorney Yoram Sheftel said he would prove that Demjanjuk was not the guard "Ivan the Terrible" who killed thousands of Jews at the Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II.

He said he would show the district court did not have jurisdiction to try Demjanjuk and was biased. He said he would also review the physical evidence and Demjanjuk's alibi, and challenge

the imposition of the death penalty.

On April 18, 1988, a special three-judge district court found Demjanjuk guilty of crimes against humanity, crimes against a persecuted people, war crimes and crimes against the Jewish people.

"The defence will try to show both the factual and legal conclusions are mistaken," said Sheftel, who wore dark glasses in courtroom. Sheftel's eyes were injured when a man whose family perished in the Holocaust threw acid in his face.

Demjanjuk claims he is the victim of mistaken identity and counterfeit evidence supplied by the Soviet Union. He said he never was at Treblinka and did not aid the Germans.

## Israel test

Universities may reopen

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 14, (Reuters):** Israel said today it was considering allowing Arab universities in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to reopen after keeping them closed for almost the entire 29 months of the Palestinian uprising.

A statement from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office said defence officials discussed with heads of the six universities in the territories the possibility of opening a single university first as a test.

It did not say whether any decision had been taken. The statement followed mounting pressure from the United States and the European Economic Community to permit studies to resume.

violators of the dress or behaviour codes.

An official heading the "campaign against sin" said told the newspaper Eitelaat last week that first instance violators would be given a warning, but "information will be entered into a central computer" to keep track of them.

Islamic hejab, as interpreted in Iran, requires women to be covered from head to foot, with only the face and hands showing.

## Iran launches fresh campaign to enforce Islamic code of dressing

**TEHRAN, May 14, (UPI):** Iran launched a fresh campaign yesterday to warn the public that the rules of Islamic dress would be vigorously enforced and violators dealt with according to the law.

Tehran's major newspapers all carried banner headlines reminding the public of the rules of hejab, or Islamic dress, in what appeared to be a concerted official campaign to give people sufficient warning before revolutionary guards began cracking down.

Over the past year at least, the rules of hejab have been observed, especially in the more affluent parts of major cities, with women dressing more casually than in the early years after the 1979 revolution, some even defying a ban on makeup.

The authorities said last week that these trends would be curbed and two campaigns were planned "to eradicate the infection of impropriety."

The first is to be billed the "campaign against sin and immodesty," and the

second will be called the "movement against social mischief," officials said.

There was no immediate word on what punishments would be handed down to violators of the dress code or the rules of Islamic behaviour, but in the past those arrested have been imprisoned, flogged or sentenced to pay fines.

Under the latest campaign, guards from the revolutionary Komitehs, or security centres, were preparing to begin patrolling the streets in vehicles, looking out for

## General tells of brutalities

Bones breaking trial

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 14, (Reuters):** The former commander of the Israeli army in the occupied West Bank told a military court that special army units had operated outside his command, according to an Army Radio report today.

Major-General Amram Mitzna was testifying yesterday at the trial of Colonel Yehuda Meir, former commander of the Nablus district, who is accused of ordering soldiers to break the bones of Palestinian prisoners in two West Bank villages.

Mitzna told the court that troops had beaten Palestinians brutally and broken their bones in several other West Bank villages and towns but these instances had not been publicised.

He called the cases "deviations" and said there were many of them. The radio said Mitzna was questioned by the defence about the existence of special army units and said that they were not under his command. He said however that these units were bound by military orders and limitations.

Mitzna did not identify the special units, thought to have been responsible for beating or killing an unspecified number of suspected Palestinian activists.

Local and foreign press have

reported the activities of undercover army units who wore disguises and had killed wanted Palestinians.

Army Radio quoted a judge as saying during Mitzna's testimony that the special units seemed to have had a "licence to kill." Mitzna said no unit had permission to operate outside army norms.

The respected daily Haaretz reported that Mitzna revealed a list of cases where soldiers brutally beat Arabs and broke their bones which were never made public.

It said in January 1988, soldiers in the West Bank village of Kufr Al Dekk took Palestinians from their homes according to lists supplied by the Shin Bet secret police and beat them with metal pipes, leaving them in critical condition.

In another case, Mitzna confirmed that prisoners were left in the open in freezing temperatures in Hebron and that the officers responsible were suspended, Haaretz said.

Mitzna denied knowledge of some of the cases mentioned in the court hearing but said officers were demoted when other abuses were brought to his attention.

## Dead Sea helps skin sufferers

One of the lowest points on earth

**EIN BOKEK, Israel, May 14, (Reuters):** At one of the lowest points on earth, men and women stand naked for hours under a sweltering Dead Sea sun.

"To be exposed to the sun here eight hours a day works like a miracle. I go home cured," said Ruth Franz, 45, from Mannheim, West Germany, who has had the skin disease psoriasis for over a decade.

Her friend Heike von Lentzke of Munich who has psoriasis and an accompanying arthritis, said: "In three days here I am better than after weeks in the Canary Islands."

Four hundred metres (1,300 feet) below sea level, on the lowest exposed land on earth, the women bathe in the dense mineral-rich Dead Sea water that helps rid their bodies of spots which powerful creams and drugs never cured.

Scientists estimate that between one and three per cent of the population in Western countries has some form of psoriasis. At least six million Americans have the disease, they say.

Muscular and joint pains, chronic arthritis and vitiligo, a skin disease which causes loss of pigmentation, are also helped by the Dead Sea.

But psoriasis sufferers are the biggest clients. They come from all over the world seeking relief from the red blotches and scales which can cover their bodies.

The disease is not contagious or dangerous but victims often regard themselves as social lepers. Many are afraid to be seen in public and have difficulty finding partners. They look forward to winter when they can cover their bodies.



At a segregated health spa, a group of men spend hours in the sun before swimming in the mineral-rich Dead Sea as a treatment for psoriasis and other skin ailments. Because the Dead Sea is 400 metres below sea level, the air provides extra protection against harmful ultra violet rays, allowing patients to stay in the sun for hours without fear of sunburn. (Reuters wirephoto)

Research has shown that after four weeks, more than 70 per cent of the psoriasis sufferers at the Dead Sea are cleared or almost completely cleared of the disease for periods of three months to several years. The rest show at least some improvement.

Some 1,000 naked women and men with skin trouble crowd the segregated beach on Israel's Dead Sea shore — soaking up sun where they most need it.

Israel and Jordan have spas on opposite sides of the sea. On the Israeli side new hotels are sprouting to cater for the boom in tourism from Europe.

"Doctors in the United States just gave me cortisone creams. I

got fevers and then the psoriasis came back worse," said Maria Helena Mansur, 38, of Guayaquil, Ecuador, who first contracted the disease after a car crash.

"I come here every year for a month in the spring and I am free (of psoriasis) until November," she said, adding that it was her eighth visit to the Dead Sea.

Zvi Even-Paz, a dermatologist who has been studying the Dead Sea for more than 30 years, said: "The Dead Sea avoids most of the dangers of modern, high-powered treatments."

Since Biblical times the sea has been known for its healing qualities.



# Consumers bemoan old stock in shops

## Exchange of goods dispute

A NUMBER of customers accused owners of shops and boutiques of selling old stocks and complained that shop owners refuse to exchange these goods, including items found to be damaged or defective.

Commenting, a responsible source at the

Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that the consumer has the right to return an item to a shop if he finds a defect or it is not in proper working order. He further commented that if the shop owner refuses to exchange the item, the customer can report the incident to relevant authorities.

However, customers said that they are uncertain as to which authority they would report to.

Meanwhile, shop owners said that customers keep goods for days, spoil them and then want to return them in exchange. This is not at all acceptable they said and

added that they do change goods that are found to be damaged or defective.

In particular, a goldsmith said that it is just impossible to accept changing any gold item once purchased. He said that items in gold can only be disputed if there is a shortage of weight.

## National Council

### Sabah comments lauded

KUWAIT, May 14, (Kuna): Radio Kuwait yesterday praised comments by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed on the Interim National Council, in which he said that the Amir's decree on establishing the council was fully constitutional.

Radio Kuwait's "point of view" programme, said that Sheikh Sabah, in his remarks meant to refute those rumours that such an order was illegal and added: "It seems that originators of the rumours have no idea about the constitution which allows the Amir to resort to such means to maintain the structure and stability of the regime, as well as the security of the national interests, too."

The programme noted that HH the Amir saw it fit to have a period of reconsideration following the dissolution of parliament in 1986.

Method It indicated that during the past four years democracy was neither abandoned nor neglected and stressed that parliamentary life was not the only method to practice democracy.

It noted that democracy was practised in daily life of all citizens, who have access to any senior state official, including HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

The programme said that diwanis and governorate council, which acted as miniature parliaments, paved the way for the Amir's orders to form the transitional National Council.

It affirmed that the Amir's decree did not come out of vacuum, but was the result of three months of dialogue by HH the Crown Prince and Premier and Kuwaiti figures from different walks of life.

In conclusion, the programme rebuffed rumours that the National Council will be a permanent one, noting that the Amir's words in this regard were clear.

### Computers help in greenhouse agriculture

THE director of the Plant Resources Department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries Resources Jassem Habibi Al Bader has said that the greenhouse agriculture has been coming in for wide attention from agriculturists and researchers in different countries of the world.

Protection He told a local daily that in order to protect crops from the effects of harsh climate conditions, the crops are grown inside plastic houses with artificially tempered conditions to suit plants growth.

Bader added that the temperature, humidity, light and other factors are adjusted inside these houses to help the plants grow optimally.

Computers He pointed out that the utilisation of computers in greenhouse agriculture reduced the cost, facilitated the collection of imports data and saved manpower.

He also added that the greenhouse technique provides plants with needed fertilising ingredients to ensure optimum growth rates through direct supplies of nutritional solutions.



Educational exhibition

Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Al Shemian and Education Ministry Undersecretary Abdulrahman Al Khudari Sunday visited the interior ministry stall at the 20th Educational Exhibition. The exhibition is organised by the Kuwaiti Teachers Society on the occasion of their educational conference.

## Kuwaiti nurses take more sick leave: study

KUWAITI nurses take much more sick leave than their Arab and Asian counterparts, a survey conducted by director of the nursing services department, Mariam Al Raqem, said. Raqem made a field survey on the number of sick leave the nurses take and found that in only two months nurses at government hospitals and medical centres took more than 3,850 sick leave days.

The study found that the sick leave of nurses costs the Ministry of Public Health over KD 50,000 a month. A finding on the lighter side of the results was that lady nurses take much more sick leave than males irrespective of nationality.

According to nationalities, the study found that at the outpatient medical services, 43.5 per cent of Kuwaiti nurses took sick leave against only 13.3 per cent of

Arabs and 6.3 per cent of non-Arabs. At the public hospitals 29.5 per cent of Kuwaiti nurses took sick leave against 14.5 per cent of Arabs and 5.5 per cent of non-Arab nurses. The percentage was less at specialised hospitals with only 19.3 per cent of Kuwaitis, 14.2 per cent of Arabs and 6.5 per cent of non-Arab nurses taking sick leave.

Age It found that at the outpatient services, 19.4 per cent female nurses took sick leave against only 4.5 per cent of men and at the specialised hospital the percentage was 11.4 per cent for women against 5.8 per cent. Marital status also matters in sick leaves. The study found that married nurses take more sick leave than spinsters. The age of nurses also count in seeking

leaves as the study found that nurses over 35 years old took more sick leave than their younger colleagues. Another striking fact the study found was that over 90 per cent of nurses who took sick leave were attending morning duty. Nurses at the gynaecology section were found to have taken more sick leave than others.

When the medical staff was questioned about the authenticity of the sick leave, 56.8 per cent of them said that the sick leave asked by the nurse was true, while 33.7 per cent said they grant sick leave to nurse for social considerations. To avoid the huge number of sick leaves by nurse, the study proposed to grant incentives to nurses who do not seek sick leave. It also proposed to centralise the authority of granting sick leave.



Managerial course

A new training course was inaugurated at the training centre of Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (Paaet) for a number of officers from the Ministry of Interior, according to a press release. The release further stated that the training course, to be held on the theme of "The Preparing and the Upgrading of the Modern Manager", was inaugurated on behalf of the director general of Paaet by the director of planning and training co-ordination Mansour Al Mishal and was attended by a number of senior Paaet officials. The course will last up to May 23.

## Zayed confers with Akihito

TOKYO, May 14, (Kuna): President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, currently on a visit here, today conferred with Emperor Akihito at the Imperial Palace.

Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and Sheikh Zayed exchanged decorations and tokens gifts at a banquet given in his honour by Kaifu, their apparent Prince Naruhito and speaker of the Diet (parliament).

Talks are expected to focus on bilateral co-operation particularly in cultural and technological fields.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Zayed appealed to the Japanese people to help in achieving peace in the Middle East.

In a message published by all Japanese newspapers, Sheikh Zayed explained his country's policies and economic programmes.

The advertisement said in part, "although the tragic war between Iraq and Iran has come to a stop, further international efforts are required to support the UN initiative aimed at translating the ceasefire into a lasting peace."

"On the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip an unarmed Palestinian Arab people continue their uprising against a heavily armed and brutal Israeli army of occupation," Zayed said in his message.

"The Arab world seeks to find a peaceful solution to the Palestinian conflict, based on United Nations resolutions that call for Israeli withdrawal from all Arab occupied territories, self-determination for Palestinians, and the right of all nations in the region to live in peace and security," he added.

Concluding, Zayed said: "We look to all peace-loving nations in the world, including Japan, to help us in ensuring peace and harmony in our region."

## Sulaibiya residents bemoan facilities

SULAIBIYA area is one of the popular areas situated in Jahra Governorate and most of its population are army and police personnel.

The state has provided this area with all the necessary facilities including health amenities.

Mohammed Mussaad speaking to a local daily said that although Sulaibiya area is one of the old areas, it still lacks adequate recreational facilities. He added that the Fifth Ring Road situated near the area was not provided with necessary fences to prevent children straying on to the main road.

He added that the Public Authority for the Agriculture Affairs and Fisheries Resources had planted the necessary shrubs in the area in line with the afforestation plan, but unfortunately these shrubs had not received the necessary care.

Salem Humoud said that the area is a common ground for hawkers who sell several items including foodstuff and sweets.

# KU seeking high academic standards

## Strictest university rating

By Fares Al Salman

THE rector of Kuwait University Dr Shuaib Abdullah has said that the university since last fall's session has been making a comprehensive study and evaluation of academic courses of the university that was issued in 1986. He added that university wants to be fair in meeting demands of students but this should not contradict with seeking of high academic standards for graduates of the university. Amendments on the internal charter are still being studied and reviewed and students union can submit its comments and proposals before passing the amendments to the council of university for approval, Abdullah said.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Kuwait Students Union at the university Naser Al Enzi has said that the union stressed on the importance of developing the academic standards of students of the university four years ago when a memorandum was submitted which included demands to amend the charter issued in 1986. The memo was accompanied with an objective comparison study of seven famous US universities which concluded that Kuwait University has been cited as the strictest university in applying the courses charter compared to these seven universities. The students of the university rushed to hold an extraordinary meeting of the general assembly of the union on May 5, 1990 to discuss the developments of the application of the charter. He added that for instance the university admitted 3,115 students in 1986. Only 1,748 of them are still studying while rest were dismissed according to the strict charter and further 47 per

cent of students of that batch who are still studying were given warnings. The students demanded the return of dismissed students to their seats and to amend the articles of the charter. The students also decided to stage a strike to bring pressure on the administration of the university to accept their demands.

Amendments Shuaib again pointed out that university made some amendments on the charter that serve interests of the students. For instance one of these amendments is to give students an exceptional chance for two additional sessions after getting a final warning instead of one session according to the present charter. Another amendment also cancelled the warning given to students who get low grades in their major. The warning will only be given according to the general average of grades. The students will also have a chance to leave university for two continuous sessions. He said that the university should be given a period of three weeks to study the amendments and get the approval of the council of the university.

Meanwhile, the director of the Evaluation Centre at Kuwait University and member of the executive bureau for the international society for educational evaluation Jassem Yousef Al Kendari has said that the centre was established in 1977/78 to undertake supervision over some of the tests carried out for students under official authorisation by a number of international establishments and organisations.

The centre is considered the official authority entrusted with supervision over the tests offered to students by educational establishments, mainly the

TOEFL, GRE, GMAT and MAT.

He added that the centre also supervises tests arranged for doctors, nurses and lawyers by the New Jersey Educational Testing Services Bureau.

Evaluation He pointed out that the centre played a significant role in the evaluation of study courses, university teachers and others, pointing out that the centre carried out a public questionnaire at the end of each study term to collect students' views on the performance of teachers.

The centre has over the past three years increased to over 300, besides another 1,000, adding that the centre also carried out evaluation of courses offered to students at the languages centre and social service centre.

He pointed out that the results of the regular questionnaires collected by the centre are treated with maximum secrecy and a report will subsequently be prepared accordingly, for submission of the university administration.

Results He placed heavy stress on the importance of teacher or course evaluation results based on the students' views, adding that the seriousness of the matter reflected the great concern accorded by the centre to the interaction between students and teachers, and the existing drawbacks of the educational process at the university level.

He said that the centre also carried out statistical services to serve the studies conducted by the teaching staff, and provided the university departments with reports indicating the results of professional evaluation of a certain department and teachers operating inside.

## Peninsula Shield exercises in Oman

MUSCAT, May 14, (Kuna): Formations of military choppers of the Gulf Co-operation Council's air forces yesterday flew reconnaissance sorties in part of mobilisation exercises under way in the Sultanate of Oman, state-run radio Muscat reported giving no further details.

The six GCC members have established a joint defence force known as "Peninsula Shield" which conducts annual wargames.

### New Qatari FM appointed

DOHA, May 14, (Kuna): Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani appointed Power and Water Minister Mubarak AH Al Khater as foreign minister replacing Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Ateya.

Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassem Bin Jabr Al Thani was named acting power and water minister in addition to his post as municipal affairs and agriculture minister.

### Traffic directors meeting

DOHA, May 14, (Kuna): The 8th session of GCC traffic department directors begins here tomorrow.

The two-day meeting, organised by the GCC General Secretariat, will discuss several issues concerning ways of promoting GCC traffic co-operation and co-ordination.

On the other hand, the traffic awareness committee held meeting here yesterday to assess the outcome of the 7th GCC traffic week, observed by member states last March.

### Botanical encyclopaedia

KUWAIT, May 14, (Kuna): Director of composition, translation and publishing at the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science Abdul Rahman Al Ahmed has said that the department will soon issue an Arabic language encyclopaedia on botany.

In a statement to Kuna, Ahmed added that the Arabic language is quite capable of conveying the various sciences to the Arabic reader and researchers with ease and honesty.

### GCC agriculture meeting

RIYADH, May 14, (Kuna): A preparatory meeting for the GCC committee for agricultural co-operation was held today in Tabouk, Saudi Arabia.

The meeting will group assistant agriculture undersecretaries and other executives in the six GCC states.

Kuwait's Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries Resources deputy director-general, Ahmad Al Naqebarrived in Saudi Arabia last night to attend the preparatory meeting.

Meanwhile, the committee on agriculture and water will meet tomorrow with participation of agriculture ministers and officials of the Gulf Co-operation Council which groups Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar and Oman.

### GCC information meeting

KUWAIT, May 14, (Kuna): Acting undersecretary of information Hamad Al Roumi today left here for the Saudi capital of Riyadh to meet with GCC counterparts who begin their sixth preparatory meeting there later today.

The undersecretaries of information and member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, will pave the way for the fifth ministerial council to be held in Riyadh on May 23.

They will discuss a number of issues aimed at supporting joint Gulf information co-operation, including a memorandum by the secretariat-general on the goals of "Voice of the GCC radio" as well as collective purchasing policy of television programmes in addition to other information related issues.

## Kidney, pancreas transplant

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The patient was scheduled for a transplant of a kidney to be donated by his mother this week. "But when a kidney and a pancreas were made available to us from the body of a person who died at Sabah Hospital, we decided to go ahead with the operation," Abouna said.

"I wish to thank the family of the deceased who donated his organs and all the other families who did the same. Since April 21, the centre has performed 18 kidney transplants six of which with kidneys donated by families of deceased people in Kuwait," the transplant expert added.

But according to Abouna the centre's full potential will not be realised before the establishment of an organ procurement organisation. "This organisation will be responsible for preserving the bodies and the donated organs, asking families for permission and doing all the other pertinent procedures."

He said that such an organisation would need a separate budget to around KD180,000 a year. "This is equal to the cost of two or three liver transplants in the United States but it will save the Kuwaiti government KD one million at least."

Liver transplant is the next step for Hamed Al Issa Centre. "We have the capabilities and the experience to do it, but we don't have the organs," lamented Abouna adding that there are 14 people on the waiting list for a liver transplant and that the centre is losing them at a rate of one patient every month because of lack of donated livers.

# Oman's leper colony to be evacuated soon

MUSCAT, May 14, (AP): Oman's last remaining leper colony is to be evacuated and pulled down amid growing hopes that the battle against leprosy has been won in this developing Gulf state, a senior health service specialist said yesterday.

The colony in the Rostaq Oasis 160 kilometres (100 miles) west of the capital will be replaced by a purpose-built residential community for 16 lepers still in need of treatment and rehabilitation, said dermatology services chief, Dr Raouf Al Suwaid.

The new community in Rostaq will have residential facilities for married lepers and round the

clock medical social care support.

Two leper colonies previously in existence in the interior at Sumail and Nizwa have already been demolished.

"Modern multi-drug therapy can successfully treat leprosy and the rapidly decreasing number of cases being reported speaks for itself," said Dr Suwaid. "The next step in a caring society is to ensure that facilities are provided to enhance these peoples' lives and enable them perhaps to get a job."

Suwaid said it was no more a question of treatment but one of rehabilitation. "We want to create an environment in which they become accepted in

society," he said.

He said health education campaigns would increase public awareness of what has been achieved "so that lepers do not forever carry a stigma and remain social pariahs. We have to change society's attitude."

Leprosy, like many other life-threatening diseases, was rife in Oman before 1970 when the government of new ruler Sultan Qaboos launched its free national health service. It is a long-lasting infectious disease that slowly destroys flesh and nerves.

Leprosy was endemic across the country in poor communities characterised by overcrowding and poor hygiene. The infection

spread among susceptible families with low immunity against disease.

Free treatment was made available for a nation-wide cumulative total of 900 leprosy cases reported since records were first kept 20 years ago. Forty per cent of the lepers registered were foreign workers from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The majority had been successfully treated or were undergoing outpatient treatment, Suwaid said. The remaining 16 comprised two infectious or "positive" leprosy cases requiring treatment and 14 negative cases in need of rehabilitation, he said.

"The type of job they can do

depends on the extent of their disability, whether they have lost a hand or finger or have suffered atrophy in muscles," he said.

World Health Organisation representative in Oman Dr Jamil Khan paid tribute yesterday to the sultanate's leprosy campaign workers.

"Leprosy is a significant public health problem in Oman although transmission is at a low level and there is indication of a declining trend," said Dr Khan. "The leprosy control programme is being implemented successfully," he said. "We feel, with a little extra effort, leprosy can once and for all be eradicated from Oman."



# Arabs criticised for not supporting intifada

## Solve differences, says Rumaihi

AMMAN, May 14, (Kuna): A Kuwaiti media leader was criticised Arab countries for failing to honour their financial commitments towards the ongoing Palestinian intifada.

Dr Mohammed Al Rumaihi, editor of the Kuwaiti Al Arabi magazine, also criticized the Arab media as lagging behind

the Western media in reporting the uprising activities against the Israeli occupiers and reflecting its bright aspects.

### Adoption

Addressing the closing session of an Arab intellectual forum held here last night, the media leader described the Arab

link as the weakest in the chain of supporting the intifada and sustaining its continuation.

He suggested that such forms of public contributions and donations, like Kuwaiti adoption of Palestinian families, orphans, be generalised in the Arab countries.

He underlined that cash contributions

are the least support one can offer to those who sacrifice their life and blood in daily confrontations with the occupying enemy.

If inter-Arab differences are unavoidable, Rumaihi said it is imperative that such differences should be kept out of any activity meant to back and ensure continuation of the Palestinian popular uprising.

# Call to reactivate real estate market

## Raise salaries before rent: Humoud

THE director-general of Al Shall Company for consultations and real estate service, Abdurrahman Al Humoud called for the creation of new investment vehicles to reactivate the real estate market.

Commenting on the report prepared by the joint committee for reactivating the real estate sector, he said that the law allowing for the possession of flats should be implemented.

He added that the department empowered to issue licences for the real estate sector at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry lacks the technical capability to follow up this sector.

Commenting on the contribution of the private sector to the development of housing projects, the official said that the capabilities of this sector are limited. The private sector's involvement can only be enhanced

if the state sells some of its land holdings to this sector who could then develop them for housing purposes and resell them to citizens, the official said. He added that discussing the role of the private sector, particularly under the current circumstances is not pragmatic.

Meanwhile, the official called for developing new financial vehicles to address the needs of the real estate sector and described the current avenues as limited — particularly taking into account the current costs of real estate he said.

Specifically, he called for establishing real estate funds and said that these funds would constitute a healthy phenomenon towards boosting investments in this sector. He added that the Kuwait Finance House plays a complementary role towards the financing of real estate projects.

Humoud added that floating of equities of such real estate funds in the stock market will help liquidate the units of these funds and underscored the fact that these funds should be managed by a special company.

In relation to demolition of expropriated real estate, translates into the government being the major monopolist in the country and further, he added, closing workshops and commercial shops in model areas constitutes unreasonable recommendations.

Commenting on the report on remarks on the drop in house rents, the official said that the majority of employees pay about 45 per cent of their salaries towards rents. Thus, it is illogical to even consider raising rents, without a corresponding increase in employees salaries, Humoud said.

## Preparations on for summer exodus

THE director of the Airport Administration Zubair Al Zamel has said that preparations are under way to meet the pressure of the travel rush for this summer season.

He told a local daily that co-ordination has been effected with all operating staff at the airport and potentials mobilised to accommodate the projected large number of passengers this summer.

He pointed out that the percentage increase in the number of passengers this year varies from 6 to 7 per cent over the last year.

He said that passengers had better reconfirm their reservations 72 hours before their departure, otherwise their reservations will be cancelled.

Zamel also said that there will be no need for too many people to see off their families at the airport so that crowds remain to the minimum. He added that passengers are to avoid arguing with the staff at the luggage weighing scales or leave their children fooling around unwatched lest this cause confusion.

Passengers must also check the validity of their passports before the time for their departure approaches and obtain the necessary visas for their companions and maids, which could be the reason for preventing them from leaving for their destination.

He warned passengers against international infliction of damage on public property and urged them not to carry dangerous materials in their suitcases. He also requested that passengers co-operate with security officers whose only responsibility is to ensure their safety and security.

## Ministry schools preparing for year end examinations

THE undersecretary of Ministry of Education Abdul Rahman Al Khudari has said that ministry is preparing for the final exams at the schools. The ministry is also urging the teachers to finish the curriculum in proper time and ask pupils to attend classes till the last day before they appear for their exams.

Khudari pointed out that promotions of teaching staff are made according to certain restrictions and conditions like efficiency, years of experience and the training courses they get to qualify them to occupy supervising posts. He stressed that Kuwaiti girls accept working as teachers in kindergartens the same as in primary and intermediate schools.

He added that a big percentage of these girls prefer to work in kindergartens to other schools even the graduates of the psychological department of the university.

But he added that there is a shortage in Kuwaiti teachers at the kindergartens because the

faculty of basic education stopped graduating such teachers in the last two years.

Khudari said that there are 1983 Kuwaiti teachers at the kindergartens forming 90 per cent of total number of teachers there.

He added that 365 Kuwaiti women were appointed as teachers in kindergartens in 87/88: 144 teachers in 88/89 and 94 teachers in 89/90. He expected 231 Kuwaiti teachers to join kindergartens in 90/91: 170 teachers in 91/92 and 204 teachers in 92/93. He added that ministry does its best to keep between 25 to 27 children in a classroom at the kindergarten and 32 pupils as maximum in classrooms in normal schools.

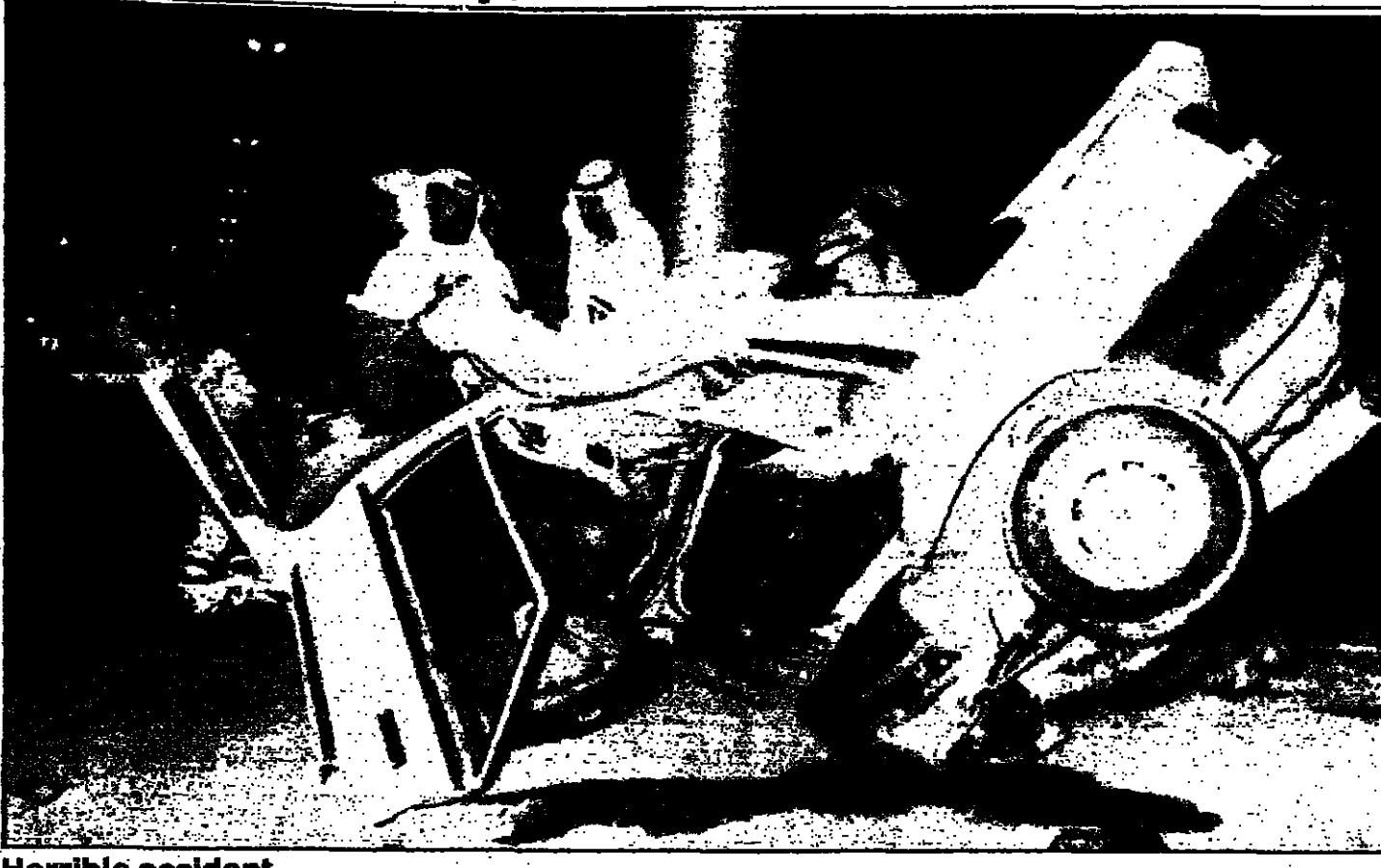
He added that there are 375,857 pupils studying in different schools. He added that there are 375,857 pupils studying in different schools in Kuwait this year: 13.1 per cent of them in school of capital governorate; 22.4 per cent in Farwaniya; 21 per cent in Ahmadi and 20 per cent in Jahra.

## 370,000 students in Kuwait

THERE are about 370,000 students in the different stages of general education in Kuwait in the academic year 1989/1990 according to the latest statistics issued by the planning department at the Ministry of Education.

In an interview with a local daily the director of planning department Dr Jassim Al Hamdan said that there are about 28168 teachers in Kuwait in about 632 schools.

He confirmed the importance of the statistics in the economic, social and cultural movement as it is a monitor of reality and probing the future. The educational process is considered as the most important aspect in the social sector, hence, the Ministry of Education represented by the planning department in striving to provide the necessary statistics and data.



Horrible accident

The driver of a Honda car and his two companions were killed instantly when their car crashed into a lamp post.

According to traffic sources, the driver was driving at high speed in a bid to pass the green light just prior to it turning red and tried to swerve

to avoid opposite traffic resulting in his losing control and crashing. The impact was of such force that the Honda was just a mangled heap of scrap metal and firemen laboured for over an hour before they could extricate the bodies.

The accident occurred at the traffic signal of the Sulabikhat Cinema.

## Harsh penalties for students

# Teacher assault issue under serious redress

INCIDENTS of teachers being physically assaulted by students is being seriously addressed by authorities and is reflected in the recent judgement issued by the Criminal Court on a student who was sentenced to two years in jail for hitting his English language teacher.

Abdurrak Al Mulaifi, the principal of Bayan Secondary School said while upholding penalties such as suspension, commencing that they should be referred to educational institutions either affiliated to the Ministry of Education or to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, instead of being sent to the central jail.

Imprisoning guilty students convicted of assaults on teachers could contribute to their being influenced by hard core criminals and enhance their form of deviant behaviour, the official said.

### Review

However, he said that a re-orientation of teachers' dealings with students should be introduced and this should also include a review of the educational system and curriculum in Kuwait.

The principal of Talhat Secondary School, Issar Jaber, said that the recent sentence meted

out to the guilty student should be viewed as a deterrent to any student attempting to assault a teacher. Any leniency in this respect will be counter-productive, the official said.

Also speaking on the issue, Dr Qassem Al Sarraf an associate professor at psychology department at the Faculty of Education said that juvenile prisons in advanced countries served as educational institutions for delinquent students. Kuwait schools, he said had failed to provide the necessary educational guidelines to its students and mainly attributed the bad behaviour of students to a lack of parental upbringing.

## Voting a national duty: weekly

KUWAIT, May 14, (Kuna): A Kuwaiti weekly magazine today opined that voting for the Interim National Council which will take place in June, is a "national duty".

In its edition to be published tomorrow, the weekly stressed on the importance of the voters' role in backing democracy and supporting the new parliamentary experience, and affirmed that practicing this role is a "national responsibility" at this delicate crossroad of Kuwait's history.

The magazine called on voters to be on the level of the responsibility, noting that it is a joint responsibility in building "the future Kuwait".

"The weekly warned against listening to biased views spread by "sides with personal interests", who claimed that the candidates for the national council are not well known and have no previous experience in this field.

"Most of the candidates have a noticeable role in public service, have reached certain level of education, in addition to the fact that a number of them have practiced previous elections for the past parliaments, the magazine concluded.

### Diplomatic ties

KUWAIT, May 14, (Kuna): Kuwait and Brunei today agreed to establish diplomatic relations at the level of embassies.

The Foreign Ministry here, in a statement said that Kuwait and Brunei have decided in a step to enhance bilateral co-operation and for the benefit of the two countries people to elevate relations to the level of embassies.

## Ali confers with Wakeham

KUWAIT, May 14, (Kuna): Visiting British Minister of Energy John Wakeham today conferred here with Minister of Oil Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa on aspects of co-operation in the oil sector.

The meeting was held at Kuwait Petroleum Corporation premises where the delegation accompanying the British minister and other Kuwaiti officials were present.

Both sides discussed oil relations between the United Kingdom and Kuwait as well as ways to boost co-operation in the field and reviewed world oil market.

Members of the British delegation also met with deputy board chairman of Kuwait National Petroleum Company Abdulaziz Al Bessari and other officials.

Earlier today, Wakeham and the accompanying delegation met with Governor of Al Ahmadi Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem at the governorates.

## Daughter helps put father in prison

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a man to ten years in jail with hard labour and fined him KDS,000 after his daughter helped security men trap him while trafficking in drugs.

The court heard that the daughter told security men that her father set up a tent in the desert to practise his illegal business along with his associates. The daughter agreed to be there for a bout of dope-smoking.

When security men raided the tent they rounded up five men including the suspect, who upon questioning admitted to having smuggled narcotics across the border from a neighbouring Arab country and that the last consignment contained 7 kilograms of hashish.

The fifth suspect admitted that there were two bags full of dope buried in the ground out in the desert close to Um Al Haman highway.

The court acquitted the first and second suspects and ordered the imprisonment of the fifth and sixth suspects for two years and a obtained from ruling against the fourth.

THE Court of First Instance has ruled in favour of an employee at Kuwait Municipality in a case involving the minister of state for municipal affairs.

The employee Mudhi Awad Al Harbi, had rejected a decision issued by the municipality director-general transferring him from the position of controller at the Administrative Affairs Department to the position of clerk at the Transport and Maintenance Department.

The court based its ruling on an estimation of the situation which indicated that the department's decision was intended to penalise the employee, without taking the usual punitive measures.

## 200 test-tube operations performed here

AS many as 200 test-tube operations have so far been performed in Kuwait since this technique was first introduced into the country's health services in 1988.

Dr Mahmoud Al Mutawa, a surgical advisor at the maternity hospital's test-tube-clinic told a local daily that Kuwait has achieved good results after experimenting with this fairly new technique. He added that the results have even been far better than the results so far achieved by countries which had been using this technique since before it was known in Kuwait.

There are 700 women currently waiting for their turn at the clinic, Mutawa said. He added that not all women are qualified to benefit from the test-tube technique for conception.

The factors of age and condition of the womb are among the considerations essential for the success of the operation. He said that the percentage of success achieved at an international level has not exceeded 10 per cent and that for a country like Kuwait to achieve a success rate of 8 per cent is a great achievement.

He pointed out that the clinic received a daily average of 10 patients, who have to run all necessary initial tests, stressing that about 150 cases are deemed difficult to treat by the clinic and are consequently rejected.

The process involved initial tests to determine the health condition of the patient's reproductive system, then artificial stimulation of the ovaries is carried out the response to that varies from one patient to another and the egg yield also differs considerably.

Mutawa said that a patient is asked to relax for a period that could last months, then she is asked to run another bout of check-ups which are intended to determine the right time for removing the eggs, (which is

very important for obtaining healthy eggs) enabling it to respond to insemination, otherwise the patient will have to relax for another period of months.

He said that the test-tube conception technique is resorted to when there is a functional failure in the woman's reproductive system, leading to lack of impregnation. He pointed out that in the past such functional faults used to be treated by microscopic surgery which attempted to unblock the fallopian tube, which more often than not is the reason for most women not getting pregnant.

The test-tube technique aims at ensuring the fusion between the female egg and male's sperm outside the woman's body which is known as artificial insemination, then the fertilised egg will be implanted in the wall of the mother's womb for natural development as the egg only stays for 48 hours in the tube where the insemination takes place.

After that the mother will have to contact the clinic regularly within 12 days to ensure that the pregnancy has occurred. He added that the eggs secreted by the ovaries of women in the age of 37 usually becomes low and the quality of these eggs is not as good as it should be.

He further added that the higher the number of eggs the better are its chances for insemination. The high percentage of miscarriages should not fall out of consideration Mutawa said.

He added that under Islamic laws, the technique uses the sperm and egg of husband and wife, and operations involving unrelated couples are not carried out in Kuwait on grounds of illegality.

The clinic still suffers from shortage of certain equipment, staff and facilities and arrangements are being taken to provide the needed instruments after that the clinic will be able to receive more patients, the official said.

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Now the above programmes will be held at Ice Skating Rink (Opp. T.V. Building, Kuwait). You are requested to note this change.

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Thought for today

It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).

## Allies talk unity Potsdam palace wall breached

POTSDAM, East Germany, (Reuter): The concrete border wall near the lakeside mansion where the victorious World War II Allies sealed Germany's future in 1945 has been pulled down, an obsolete symbol of the country's division.

The unrestricted view of West Berlin from the Cecilienhof manor house, long blocked by the Berlin Wall, seems fitting at a time when Bonn, East Berlin and the wartime allies are discussing how to achieve German unity.

From July 17 to Aug 2, 1945, Soviet leader Josef Stalin, US president Harry Truman and British prime minister Winston Churchill — succeeded toward the end of the negotiations by Clement Attlee — met to settle the fate of defeated Nazi Germany at the Potsdam conference.

### Disembodiment

They finalised the disembodiment of Germany into Western and Soviet occupation zones agreed five months before at Yalta. The zones evolved into East Germany in 1949, products of the East-West military standoff dividing Europe.

But in 1989, communism collapsed in East Germany and other East European states and the Berlin Wall was breached.

The desire for German unification quickly emerged and the Allies — Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and France — began talks with the two German states this month.

Cecilienhof, one of a number of palaces in this former residence of the Hohenzollern dynasty, was built in English Tudor-style between 1913 and 1916 by Kaiser Wilhelm II for his son.

A visit to Cecilienhof, now a tourist monument and hotel which attracts 400,000 visitors each year, shows how times have changed.

Pointing out one of Cecilienhof's picture windows overlooking the Wannsee lake, tour guide Dietmar Spiess told visitors:

"For decades, there was a wall three metres (10 feet) high along the shore so that nobody could jump in the water, since West Berlin begins on the other side."

### Glorify

"It was pulled down a few weeks ago and now we can have a free view of the water just as Crown Prince Wilhelm did."

Political pressure to glorify the Soviet Union's role in World War II and the post-war Allied conferences, while whitewashing its misdeeds, has also ended and Cecilienhof's guides revel in their new freedom.

"We have total freedom now to tell every side of the Potsdam story and it makes our work so much more rewarding," said another guide, Monika Grynnow.

"There's no more taboo against critically assessing Stalin," said Spiess.

"For instance, at the start of the tour, in describing the outbreak of World War II, we could not mention that Stalin annexed part of Poland under the secret August 1939 pact with Hitler to divide and rule," he said.

"At the conference, Stalin was made out to be the hero, trying to save Germany from partition while the 'imperialist Western Allies' schemed to carve it up."

In favouring a unified treatment of Germany, Stalin only wanted to spread communist control — which the West resisted — and extract more war reparations, some historians say.

"We also had to stress the Soviets' 20 million war dead but ignore all the people murdered by Stalin's police during and after the war in Eastern Germany as well," said Grynnow.

"We had to stick closely to the (authorised) text in the past because you never knew who might be in your audience, security agents maybe," Spiess explained.

### Guides

Nowadays, guides can inject irreverence into the tour.

Drawing his group's attention to a framed photograph of the Potsdam signing ceremony, Spiess said: "And behind Stalin to the left is Molotov. I'm sure you've heard of the cocktail, but in this case it's a foreign minister."

The 176-room Cecilienhof mansion, built during World War I, is a curious mix of English Tudor architecture — with its ornate brick chimneys — and German half-timbered facades.

Cecilienhof was nationalised in the left-wing republican revolution of 1918 that forced the Kaiser into exile.

But a "compensation of princes law" passed by the Weimar Republic Parliament in 1926 returned 20 million Reichmarks in assets and some landed property to the Kaiser's family.

The Kaiser's son, the former Crown Prince Wilhelm, moved back into Cecilienhof and lived there until March 1945, when he fled the advancing Soviet Red Army in a westbound train.

Cecilienhof was picked for the conference because it had escaped the war undamaged and boasted functioning electricity and telephones. But Red Army troops had to build new roads to bring Allied leaders to the mansion and renovated 36 rooms as studies for the Allied delegations.

This is one other famous tourist attraction in Potsdam — the 18th-century baroque Sanssouci Palace, former summer home of Germany's Hohenzollern royal family.

# New, tougher Gorby emerging

## Attitude to Balts tests intentions

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): US policy-makers and analysts are asking whether a tougher, meaner Mikhail Gorbachev is emerging to replace the "Gorby" that Western public opinion has come to love.

The Soviet leader's uncompromising stance against the independence movements in Lithuania, Latvia and his newly hardened positions in arms control talks have given pause even to some of his admirers within the Bush administration.

US conservatives have jumped on recent developments to argue with renewed force what they have been saying all along — that Gorbachev is a master of public relations but underneath the liberal mask lies the steely face of a unrepentant communist and authoritarian.

### Overrated

"We are urged to take it on faith that the stranger of Lithuania is 'really' for self-determination and that... he nevertheless 'really' is a radical reformer," wrote conservative columnist George F. Will recently.

"It is time to face facts: Gorbachev, the supposedly indispensable man, may be the most overrated man of this century."

In US public opinion, Gorbachev still seems as popular as ever. The New York Times this week ran interviews with 12 "ordinary citizens" from all walks of life in Florida. One, Daytona Beach police chief Paul Crow, was quoted as saying:

"I care about Gorbachev. To me, that's a lot more important than Lithuania."

But Gorbachev's attitude to the Baltic states is rapidly becoming a test of his intentions.

Before Lithuania declared its independence in March, administration officials thought there would be swift negotiations between Moscow and the Baltic republics and that all three — Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia — would be allowed to secede.

Now they are not so sure.

"Gorbachev and the entire leadership seem to need the Lithuanians to play by the rules of the Soviet constitution. They are not prepared to treat the Baltic states as special and concede their historical claims for special treatment based on illegal annexation," a State Department official said.

The United States never recognised the annexation of the Baltic states by Moscow in 1940 under the terms of a secret pact with Nazi Germany.

The official said the Soviet constitution, which requires states wishing to secede to be supported by a two-thirds majority in a referendum, cast doubt on whether Estonia and Latvia could achieve indepen-



dence, since both had a Russian minority of larger than 33 per cent. Lithuania's population is still 80 per cent ethnic Lithuanian.

Professor Uri Ra'anana, a Soviet scholar at Boston University, said he did not think Gorbachev was willing to negotiate with the Baltics at all. "There is no sign at all that Gorbachev is willing to let them go. Everything I've seen shows the contrary."

Asked whether a new, tougher Gorbachev was coming into focus, Ra'anana said: "This is not a new Gorbachev — this is the real Gorbachev. He has a short fuse and a sharp temper and he thinks he can intimidate, cajole, bluster and threaten people into doing what he wants."

At the same time as stiffening his position on the Baltics, Gorbachev has been talking tougher on

arms control.

Some analysts believe Gorbachev has had to appease his military because he is so weak domestically. Others say he is waiting for a crucial Communist Party congress in early July, where he intends to complete a sweeping reform of the Soviet political system.

Still others think the slowdown is a natural "end-game strategy" of trying to extract maximum concessions as the arms control treaties near completion.

"We're seeing a Gorbachev faced with different kinds of problems. He feels he has to take positions less to our liking than previously but I wouldn't say it is a new Gorbachev," said Raymond Garthoff of the Brookings Institution.

# Divisions could divide Belgrade

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, (AP): Once again, Yugoslavia is carving a unique path. Communist yet non-aligned, it now has the distinction of maintaining two political systems — multi-party democracy and single-party rule — in one country.

The tension between the two systems, coupled with a surge in nationalism, is threatening to pull apart the federation of six republics.

Federal authority virtually collapsed after free elections in the two most developed republics, Slovenia and Croatia, during April and May.

In both cases, communists suffered resounding defeats from centre-right parties that say their republics don't need the rest of the country and should secede.

### Undermining

Yugoslavia's largest republic, Serbia, still has single-party communism. Its leaders repeatedly have accused Slovenia and Croatia of undermining socialism and the federal system.

The clash between orthodox communists and free market enthusiasts is fanning fierce ethnic rivalries that have been an undercurrent in Yugoslavia's politics ever since the country was created out of the fallen Habsburg and Ottoman empires in 1918.

The rivalry is now sharpest between the traditionally Catholic Croats and Eastern orthodox Serbs. The latter have bitter memories of the hundreds of thousands of Serbs, gypsies and Jews killed in the World War II death camps of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia.

The landslide election victory of Franjo Tudjman's nationalist Croatian Democratic Union is likely to exacerbate these strains. The 450,000-strong Serb minority in Croatia already has held several anti-Tudjman rallies.

Serbia's communist president, Slobodan Milosevic, declared recently in an emotional speech that Serbia will protect Serbs wherever they live in Yugoslavia.

Tudjman told the Associated Press after his vic-

tory that Yugoslavia can continue to exist only "if it becomes a loose confederation of fully sovereign states."

Under his formula, Yugoslavia's republics would become independent states and establish relations only if common interests were involved.

Tudjman's views are shared by freely elected Slovenian President Milan Kucan, who said recently that Yugoslavia should either become a confederation or "peacefully split apart."

### Federation

Serbia, however, advocates a strong, centralised and firmly socialist federation. Several independent parties have emerged in the republic, but have not yet been legalised.

Kucan and Tudjman say they are unwilling to negotiate Yugoslavia's future with Serbian communist leaders until the republic holds free elections and chooses legitimate leaders.

Even if free elections are held, however, Milosevic's appeal to Serbian nationalism could well hand the communists a victory.

A growing number of Yugoslavs see reformist Premier Ante Markovic, a Croat, as the only moderate alternative to Tudjman's and Milosevic's irreconcilable extremes.

Markovic enjoys huge popularity for his success in bringing down triple-digit inflation by introducing market methods and tying Yugoslavia's currency, the dinar, to the West German mark.

Prices that were rising 65 per cent per month a year ago actually fell slightly in April.

Echoing the sentiments of many Yugoslavs, Markovic says the economy is more important than any long-winded discussions, characteristic of Balkan politics, about what form Yugoslavia should take.

"It does not matter if Yugoslavia will be a confederation or a federation," he said in a recent television interview. "What matters is how well the country performs economically and how well its

people live."

### Power

But, as federal premier, Markovic has no constitutional power to change Yugoslavia's political structures — meaning the republics must act together or allow the current power vacuum to grow.

The Communist Party, which once unified Yugoslavia's ruling elite, seems incapable of restoring the authority it has lost over a decade of bickering and economic failures.

Its congress broke up in January after Slovenian delegates, angered by Milosevic and other orthodox communists, stormed out.

This week, the party advertised in the Belgrade daily Politika for anyone interested in renting office space in its national headquarters.

One body that could intervene is the army. Top officers, neutral until recently, now seem to lean toward Serbia and maintaining the integrity of the country.

With the rest of Eastern Europe casting off authoritarian communist rule, however, military intervention would be a deeply unpopular anomaly.

In a country adrift, nationalism seems to be the only force gaining ground.

"Communist rule was a bad rule in Yugoslavia. What is undoubtedly an even worse rule, into which we are openly sailing, is rule by nationalists," the Belgrade Vecernje Novosti daily commented recently. "Are Yugoslavia's days numbered?"

Answering that question, Ciri Zlobec, a member of Slovenia's presidency, said in a recent interview that events are now moving so fast that the country's fate could be decided by the end of this year.

"The idea of Yugoslavism... has been dead for a long time," he said, adding that the only link between the various republics and ethnic groups are "sentimental memories of the past."

## Message for Wall Street

ONE of the prosecutors in the Mike Milken case was very proud of the deal he had cut with Milken's lawyers, and announced happily.

"We have sent a message to Wall Street," I told her. "I think they were much too tough on Milken. They want him to pay \$600 million as a penalty for what was nothing more than a third-rate burglary."

My wife sounded concerned. "If he gives that much to the government, will he have anything left for himself?"

"No more than a billion. I'm not suggesting that Milken can't live on a billion, but he's going to have to cut back a lot on luxuries. That's one of the messages the Justice Department is sending to Wall Street — if you're greedy about the stock market, you'll have to pay the piper."

### Pity

"They don't have any pity for white-collar criminals any more," my wife said.

"If Washington shed any tears then everyone on Wall Street would try to screw the public. No one enjoys seeing a man like Milken in trouble, because without him there wouldn't be junk bonds to start with."

"Nevertheless, someone has to say enough is enough, and if a man rapes the stock market, we'll make him cry 'Uncle' no matter it costs him."

"What other message did the prosecution send to Wall Street?" she asked.

"The signal is that if you lie and perjure yourself and break the law, then you have to get the best lawyer that money can buy. When it comes to white-collar crimes, the last thing the Justice Department lawyers want to do is negotiate with a public defender. Mike Milken is the type of client that top-flight criminal attorneys will kill for."

"Are you saying that Mike Milken got a better deal because he had the smartest lawyers in the United States?"

"That's what the system of justice in this country is all about."

"Could someone in blue jeans negotiate the same deal?"

"Of course, if he had \$600 million. In Milken's case he was a genius and he made many people rich. For this reason he must be treated with respect."

### Jail

"I'm not saying that Mike will not get jail for what he did — but it won't be hard time because the Justice Department hates to bring a federal case against someone just because he wanted to make more money than anybody else in the world."

My wife kept pressing. "Why aren't they going to force Milken to sing about the others who also had their fingers in the junk bond jar?"

"Because that means they would have to keep making deals with Wall Street crooks and scoundrels. The whole system has been set up to do that. For Mike Milken to sing the 'Barber of Seville' on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange is a joke."

My wife said, "I never did like junk bonds. 'Nobody ever liked junk bonds, but in the '80s it was the only junk to go around.'"

"Are you finished with the message that the Justice Department sent to Wall Street?"

"Yes — we are now waiting for Wall Street to fax its reply."

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## Yugoslav reds deeper in crisis

BELGRADE, (Reuter): Yugoslavia's once all-powerful communist party is in such deep trouble that they are letting out offices in their Belgrade headquarters to fill their empty coffers.

An advertisement in a Belgrade newspaper this week offering rooms in the party's 24-storey skyscraper highlighted the problems of the deeply divided communists after losing power in free elections in two Yugoslav republics.

A party with nationalised leanings ended the communists' 45-year rule in the key republic of Croatia this week.

In Belgrade, the federal policy-making Central Committee could not even get the necessary quorum of members to hold a crisis meeting.

Under the late Josip Broz Tito, the communists pioneered changes in Eastern Europe from the 1950s to the 1970s with a unique brand of decentralised communism.

But many Yugoslavs say the party has now fallen behind its reformist neighbours and will die unless it makes dramatic changes.

"The communists seem unable to stop the rot," a Western diplomat said. "They and Yugoslavia just go from one crisis to another."

Jenica Demack, head of Yugoslavia's Collective State Presidency, told the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly on Tuesday that reforms were hindered by nationalism and squabbles among the multitude of ethnic groups.

The communists have been in power since 1945 but the party is fighting for survival following election defeats in Croatia and Slovenia, Yugoslavia's wealthiest regions.

The newly elected Croatian Democratic Union and Slovenia's centre right coalition want more independence from the federal authorities and threaten to break away if need be.

Also, the party is split over how to reform and what role it can play as communism collapses around it in Eastern Europe. No one is sure how it will look in just a few months time.

"The League of Communists must radically change its approach to overcoming this crisis," party leader Milan Pavlovic told the Central Committee on Tuesday.

The party faces financial problems because Parliament has ended the decades-old tradition of subsidising it from the federal budget.

It has responded to calls for faster reforms by giving up its monopoly on power and preparing changes to the constitution to create the legal basis of a multi-party system.

But many Yugoslav political commentators say the communists must go further and follow their counterparts in Poland and Hungary by adopting Western-style social democracy.

One idea is to dissolve the party, transfer more power to the regional parties and form a supervisory body to co-ordinate their activities.

Only 89 of the 163 Central Committee members showed up at Tuesday's meeting. They proposed restarting a congress that broke down in January when Slovene delegates walked out.

Failure to restart it could spell the party's death. But Slobodan Milosevic, communist leader of the biggest republic, Serbia, made clear on Thursday that he opposed radical changes. He said people who want Yugoslavia to follow reforms elsewhere in Eastern Europe were "extremely reactionary."

## Letters to the editor

### Indian organisations

SIR: Apropos news item appeared in a local daily regarding United Malayalee Organisations new arrangements.

UMO, in its above cited report have detailed that they are out to ensure 'solidarity among existing members and also to include other organizations functioning here in the Malayalee community'.

We believe the above move is an admission as well as confession by UMO of its wrong-doings and failures. It is to be recalled that this so-called apex body of Malayalee organisations here was founded in 1963. The total strength at that time was 16, which has now been reduced to 10 out of which more than 7/3rd are existing only letter heads. These ones have leaders only no members at all. They have not had the experience of holding general body meetings or annual elections whereas UMO, consisting of these dead ones have been behaving in a rough and very unprincipled manner towards other Malayalee organisations by questioning their bonafides.

On various occasions they have rejected applications from a number of organisations with no convincing grounds. Time has undoubtedly proved them UMO was wrong and it is amusing and pity to find them in search of 'other organisations'. With no clear record and a spoiled image, how dare UMO to act in the role of investigators and judges whilst a vast majority of members have no right to exist.

We are in Kuwait, yes outside our country, and we feel that we do not need hundreds of organisations for our community here. We are Indians and an Indian organisation is ample to satisfy our socio-cultural problems. Hence organisations based on political ideologies or parochialism be dissolved and all groups existing here in the label of organisations should join the main stream, i.e. Indian Arts Circle.

### Soviet propaganda

SIR: There is a programme on Soviet radio which broadcasts a lot of propaganda under the name "Soviet help for Afghanistan."

This kind of propaganda is meant to deceive our people and the people of the world. The Soviets broadcast that they are helping or have helped Afghanistan in different fields such as roads and bridges, building of silos, the building of Jankalak factory, surveying and discovering gas, oil and minerals deposits, training Afghans as specialists, educating Afghan youth at universities and institutes, etc.

But the Soviets failed to mention that they have also exploited and plundered Afghanistan in different ways such as: sending thousands of unskilled or quasi-skilled technicians and engineers to Afghanistan, if these people were in the Soviet Union they could not find employment there.

The Soviets also failed to mention that they have plundered Afghanistan of its natural resources and agricultural products and bought them at low rates prices, such as gas, cotton, wool, animal hides, mink, almonds, olives, citrus fruits, shireen, buya and several other materials.

In compensation for the above-mentioned materials the Soviets sent us tanks, old weapons, old planes, old helicopters and rockets to kill each other. Even after

their withdrawal the Soviets immediately announced that their departing troops would leave behind the equipments and military facilities valued at more than \$1 billion and on June 3, publicly emphasized their intention to continue supplying military hardware to the Kabul government to continue killing in our country. They also trained our military personnel to use these arms for their evil plan.

The Soviet media but it fails to say that Soviet troops have killed one and a half million innocent people in Afghanistan in the name of foreign aid.

In short, the Soviets killed our children, youth and old people, animals, looted our properties, cut our trees, destroyed our houses, villages, roads, bridges, orchards, etc... for the price of one rouble.

As a result more than five million Afghans fled to the neighbouring countries — Pakistan and Iran — to take shelter. The Pakistan government and people gave them shelter on the humanitarian bases appreciated by the peace-loving countries of the world. The brave people of Afghanistan carried out jihad against the inhumane act carried out by the Soviets in Afghanistan.

\* Now, the Afghan Muslim people have the right to continue their jihad against the Soviet advisers and so-called specialists until victory is achieved.

The Muslim nation of Afghanistan deals as brothers with Muslim nations of the world but never with the enemies of Islam.

F. Reshitee, Kuwait.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

1536 — Anne Boleyn and her brother, Lord Rochford, are tried and found guilty in England of adultery and incest.

1571 — Moscow is burned by the Tatars.

1602 — Bartholomew Gosnold, English navigator, discovers America's Cape Cod.

1767 — Genoa sells island of Corsica to France.

1796 — Forces under France's Napoleon Bonaparte enter Milan, Italy.

1848 — Communist uprising in Paris; second uprising in Vienna against new Austrian constitution which is repealed.

1924 — US Congress passes bill instituting immigrant quotas based on nationality.

1940 — The Netherlands surrenders to Germany in World War II.

1948 — New state of Israel is attacked by Egyptian planes and invaded in the north and east by troops from Lebanon and Transjordan.

1957 — Britain explodes its first thermonuclear bomb in Central Pacific.

1962 — President John F. Kennedy orders 4,000 more US troops to be stationed in Thailand to counter threat in Laos.

1971 — Egyptians demonstrate in Cairo after president Anwar Sadat purges opponents from cabinet and emerges as new strongman.

1976 — Iran approves friendship treaty with neighbouring Iraq.

1988 — Ethiopian government declares state of emergency in war-torn northern provinces of Eritrea and Tigre.

1989 — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, in Beijing, declares end to Sino-Soviet split.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Bid to achieve 3pc growth in employment

## Indian planners aiming at 5.5pc growth rate

Thomas Abraham  
Arab Times Correspondent

NEW DELHI, May 14: Indian planners are aiming at a 5.5 per cent growth rate in the economy during the eighth plan period (1990-95) against the average rate of 5.3 per cent per annum achieved during the last decade.

Simultaneously, the effort would be to achieve a three per cent growth in employment over the next ten years, according to the revised draft approach paper to the eighth plan drawn up by the Planning Commission.

The approach paper is currently being studied by the union cabinet and will be considered and approved by the National Development Council (NDC) mid-June. The council, comprising central ministers and chief minis-

ters of states, is the country's highest policy-making body.

The savings required for these two targets is projected at a little over 22 per cent against as compared to the current level of 20.3 per cent.

Once the draft approach paper is approved by the NDC, the commission will take up the task of drawing the detailed eighth plan, which will have employment generation as its own focus.

The new government has already committed itself to make the right to work a fundamental right and efforts are currently on to find out ways and means of living up to this promise without resorting to unemployment doles.

The government has also made it clear that half of all investible resources

would be allocated to the rural sector. In the current year's budget, this has already been brought up to 49 per cent.

The Planning Commission's annual report for 1989-90 says that while the last concluded seventh plan period had several significant achievements, there were also many areas of concern discernible in the emerging patterns of the development.

According to it, the major part of the growth has been in the services sector, with a progressive reduction in the share of primary and secondary sectors in the gross domestic product, thereby widening the agricultural — non-agricultural disparities in terms of output and incomes per head.

The report said inter-regional disparities and disparities between dif-

ferent social groups had been accentuated during the seventh plan period. The level of unemployment had shown a tendency to worsen and there was a decline of employment in traditional crafts and industries. The organised industry had failed to provide additional employment commensurate with investment. The average rate of growth of agricultural production had been modest and concentrated in certain parts of the country, it said.

The National Front, which came to power in December, 1989, aims at correcting these distortions in the eighth plan. Basically, it will pursue a six-fold objective: strengthening of federal structure, decentralisation of authority, people's participation, development of the rural sector, focus

on women's role in economic activity and employment.

On the agricultural front, the commission is laying special emphasis on dryland farming and improving the productivity of land.

The approach paper is also learnt to have outlined a three-pronged strategy for industrial development and called for selective liberalisation of imports to meet the needs of the infrastructure and core sectors and those of export-oriented projects.

In the infrastructure sector, the commission is of the view that the aim should be to achieve the highest levels of quality at low costs. Therefore, the best technologies available must be inducted, especially to reduce energy consumption.

For export-oriented ventures, the focus will be on increasing the international competitiveness of products. Where consumer goods are concerned, the commission advocates top priority to items of mass consumption, with emphasis on high absorption of labour and low energy and capital utilisation.

The commission is also pressing a review of items reserved for the public sector to enable the private sector to play a larger role in the economy. Power, for instance, is an area where the commission sees the private sector playing a more important role in the future.

On foreign investment, the commission is of the view that it should be allowed only in areas where it is absolutely necessary.

## Farm trade reform

### US still wants a radical overhaul

PARIS, May 14, (Reuters): The United States still wants a radical overhaul of farm policies at world trade talks, including elimination of agricultural export subsidies, US Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter said today.

Some Western Europeans mistakenly believed Washington had softened its position and would settle for modest reforms in agriculture, in order to achieve an overall agreement in the negotiations, he told a news conference in Paris.

"I simply want to dispel that viewpoint or story immediately," Yeutter added.

"We have far too much in the way of blood, sweat and tears in this exercise to settle for modest reforms in agriculture."

Agriculture is one of 15 areas being negotiated at talks under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The four-year round, which began in Uruguay, is set to conclude in Brussels in December.

Since the round was launched in 1986, the European Economic Community has resisted US efforts to dismantle farm subsidy programmes, which various studies have shown cost developing and industrial countries billions of dollars each year in lost income.

The talks almost broke down in December 1988 when the two sides refused to budge from their negotiating position.

After recent meetings with Yeutter, European Economic Community farm commissioner Ray MacSharry and French Agriculture Minister Yveline Nallet both said Washington had softened its position at world farm trade talks.

But in a speech to the International Office of Epizootics — an animal health body — Yeutter said the US continued to seek the end to all agricultural export subsidies within five years.

Washington and the community, he said, remained far apart in the areas of export subsidies, which he said cost the EEC each year between 10 and 12 times more than the United States.

"It seems to me that the community is isolated on this one, without supporters elsewhere in the world," Yeutter said.

Yeutter said Washington still expects EEC to narrow differences over reform of import barriers, where both sides seek progressive liberalisation reductions. The United States, he said, still wants to scrap internal farm support programmes that distort trade the most.

He tried to dismiss speculation, especially strong in Western Europe, that support among American farmers for the US administration's negotiating position at the GATT was eroding.

"Vocal opposition receives lots of media attention, even though it may represent very few farmers or very few votes," he said.

Yeutter said he expected ministers from the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development to endorse farm trade liberalisation at a meeting in Paris later this month, and that he hoped the heads of the seven major industrial countries would do the same at a July summit in Houston, Texas.

## American blue chips surge

NEW YORK, May 14, (Reuters): Wall Street stock prices jumped today after a session of lower interest rates was followed by lower interest rates last week.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 44.77 points at 2,846.30 at 1pm EDT (1700 GMT), topping the record high close of 2,818.15, set on Jan 2.

In the broader market, gains led by a surge in 11-4 month Treasury bills, showing investors were pouring money into the market.

"The portfolio managers have been building cash and their first-quarter reports were not so good. Now they are again on their hands to commit some of their cash," said Dave Madansky of Management Partners.

The stock market had been taking its lead from bonds, which soared last week on a swift change in interest rate perceptions.

Investors are convinced that the economy is weakening and could be ripe for a dose of lower interest rates. Just days ago investors were worried about accelerating inflation and higher interest rates.

## HPC gets six new members

KUWAIT, May 14, (KUNA): An Amman decree was issued today appointing six new members in the Higher Petroleum Council.

The decree listed their names as follows: Dr. Emad Mohammed Abdul Aziz, Al-Aziz, Jassem Mohammed Othman Al-Mousa, Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad, Abdul Mohsen Faisal Al-Thuwini, Salem Abdul Latif Messalam and Dr. Sulaiman Hassan Abdullah Shamsuddin.

It asked all ministers, each in his own jurisdiction, to implement the decree as of its issuance and publication in the official gazette.

The decree noted that the appointments were made following the oil minister's recommendation and the Cabinet's approval.

Move to comply with Opec oil pact

## Kuwait cuts spot sales

NICOSIA, May 14, (Reuters): Kuwait has stopped spot sales of crude oil and made arrangements to supply its refineries in Europe from elsewhere to comply with an Opec pact, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah was quoted as saying today.

"We have stopped all spot sales, and we have also halted supplies of Kuwaiti crude to our refineries abroad, having instructed KPI (Kuwait Petroleum International) to make alternative arrangements for crude supplies for its European refineries," the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) quoted Sheikh Ali as saying in an interview on May 10.

"These and other measures are likely to get us very near to our quota," he added.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) had agreed earlier this month to reduce total production by six per cent for May and June from around 23.5 million produced in April to help oil market prices recover.

Opec's output ceiling in the first half of 1990 is 22.086 million bpd.

Oil prices in spot markets had declined around 25 per cent in the first four months of this year due to unchecked output by the 13-member group.

At the Geneva meeting, Kuwait had pledged to cut its output to its 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) quota level during the May-July period, MEES estimated 1.9 million in May.

The Nicosia-based oil industry newsletter said oil market prices recovered around one dollar per barrel in the week following Opec's



Sheikh Ali

meeting in Geneva due to actual and impending output cuts by Opec members.

It said Saudi Arabia has taken measures to cut both wellhead output and sales by around 400,000 bpd to its 5.38 million bpd quota level.

Most customers of Saudi Arabia have reached an agreement with the kingdom for voluntary cuts in nominated liftings in May around 10-15 per cent, like Shell which is said to have agreed a 10 per cent cut, and in some cases up to 30 per cent.

"In this they seem to have been highly successful since, not surprisingly many countries were only too glad to trim their lifting commitments at a time of substantial oversupply," MEES said.

The UAE had pledged to cut 200,000 bpd from its 2.1 million bpd output in May-July period.

But MEES said unsorted Iranian crude was still piling up in northwest Europe and the Mediterranean and

posed a threat to market price stability.

The newsletter, quoting market sources, said this overhang of crude could total 50 million barrels, with 20 million already waiting buyers and another 30 million barrels of April and May cargoes heading for these markets.

MEES says some Saudi customers reduced liftings in May and June, they might make up the difference by purchasing Iranian crude which is cheaper than Saudi oil.

It said Iranian crude prices were around 65 cents per barrel below Saudi prices.

Iran's crude oil output in April averaged 3.012 million bpd in April, down from 3.15 million in March, the newsletter added. Iran's Opec output quota is 3.14 million bpd.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, is seeking more refining and marketing outlets for its crudes to protect itself from a widely speculative market.

Boasted by the success of Star Enterprise, a joint project with the US giant Texaco, Saudi Oil Minister Hasham Nazer said yesterday the kingdom planned to enter into similar projects in the United States and other countries.

But Saudi Arabia, a traditional exporter of crudes and lacking expertise in the lucrative Western markets, appears to be against taking risks by buying out all projects.

"We are receiving many, many offers from oil companies including major ones to buy," a Saudi oil official told Reuters in a telephone interview from Riyadh today.

"But we are more interested in joint ventures because it is better to

join people who know the market and have expertise."

"And we are not going to enter any project unless it is economically sound and provides good capital return."

Saudi officials say the main reason for going downstream into refining, marketing and distribution is to protect its oil industry, the backbone of the economy, from damaging price swings.

Saudi Arabia, which owns nearly one-fifth of the world's proven reserves, will soon start a multi-billion dollar programme to increase production capacity by over 40 per cent to around 10 million barrels per day.

"Oil policymakers... are aware of the importance of building a solid Saudi petroleum industry based on commercial bases and not prone to fluctuations in the oil market," the Saudi Press Agency said yesterday in a commentary on Nazer's tour.

Nazer last week visited Star Enterprise's refineries in Texas, Louisiana and Delaware, which posted revenues totalling \$6.3 billion in its first year of operation.

Formed in January 1989 with assets of about \$2.5 billion, Star has access to some 600,000 barrels per day (bpd) of Saudi crudes. It sells them as refined products in some 12,000 service stations in 26 eastern and southern states.

This constitutes about 50 per cent of Saudi-Saudi sales to the United States, by far the world's biggest consumer.

The official said Saudi Arabia was also interested in markets in Western Europe, Southeast Asia and Japan.

## Iran's oil minister for Kuwait

NICOSIA, May 14, (Reuters): Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Azagadeh will make a rare visit to Kuwait tomorrow to discuss the petroleum market only 24 hours after Tehran said it wanted oil prices to be "much higher" than their present levels.

Gulf oil officials said Azagadeh would meet Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah to review the market behaviour in the light of Opec's recent pact to cut output and raise prices.

Sheikh Ali is a strong advocate of a price freeze of the group's reference price of \$18 a barrel for at least another three years.

Tehran Radio quoted Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani saying yesterday: "In our opinion, the real price of oil should be far higher than what it is today."

Azagadeh said earlier this month that Iran, a founder member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, would "very seriously" propose at the end of this year to raise the reference price and link it to world inflation.

The meeting between the two ministers was agreed during earlier talks held in Geneva, on May 3 that ended with pledges by Opec's 13 members voluntarily to cut output by six per cent to reverse a 25 per cent plunge in oil prices because of a glut.

The Nicosia-based Middle East Economic Survey, MEES said today that some 50 million barrels of unsorted Iranian crude was piling up in northwest Europe and the Mediterranean, posing a threat to oil market stability.

Both Iran and Kuwait produce similar heavy-grade crudes that contain pollutant sulphur, that are not rich in gasoline and are thus less attractive to refiners.

## Syria to give oil to Lebanon

DAMASCUS, May 14, (Reuters): Syria has agreed to provide Lebanon with oil and oil products to overcome shortages in the war-ravaged country, officials said today.

They said Lebanese Oil and Industry Minister Souren Khanamir made the accord in talks in Damascus with his Syrian counterpart Munir Habib.

A joint technical committee was set up to decide how much oil to send to Lebanon's refinery in Tripoli, the officials said. They gave no more details.

Shortages of fuel and other basic goods have been common during Lebanon's 15-year-old civil war.

They are currently acute in the Christian enclave centred on east Beirut, which the Syrian-backed government of President Elias Hrawi does not control.

Syria is the main foreign power broker in Lebanon, where it has some 40,000 troops.

## Saudis and Iraq to step up trade

RIYADH, May 14, (KUNA): Saudi Arabia and Iraq last night agreed to increase trade exchange and to hold trade and industrial exhibitions among them.

Saudi Trade Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Zamil said that Saudi Arabia will take part in the Iraqi international fair scheduled to be held in Baghdad next November.

The two sides came to terms on exchanging official visits and compiled a special 100 item list to be exempted from taxes, Al Zamil said.

He added that they also agreed to accelerate investments and exchange information and technical expertise, especially in the manufacture of steel and iron.

Co-operation in the fields of information, education and the construction of railroads was also among the items discussed.

The two-day joint Saudi-Iraqi session began its fifth session meetings here last night.

## Oil prices rise sharply

### Glut may be easing

LONDON, May 14, (Reuters): Oil prices rose sharply today on a belief among traders that a world glut which sent them sliding only a few weeks ago might be easing.

London futures for North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded grade, were up 34 cents in Europe's afternoon at \$17.94 per barrel. US futures in early New York trading were up by around 50 cents at one point.

The interest ended a rally from last week. Traders cited expected reductions in North Sea supply because of seasonal summer maintenance on the British offshore platforms and expectations of output cuts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Trade sources said the June loading programme at the Sullom Voe terminal in Britain's northern Shetland Islands for Brent blend would only be for 16 tankers compared with 26 in May.

"We have just heard the first shot in the North Sea shooting season," said Peter Gignoux, a director in London with trading house Shearson Lehman Hutton.

North Sea maintenance programmes, continuing to the autumn, will be heavy this year because new safety devices are being installed. Labour unrest among contract workers could extend the shutdowns.

Traders said sentiment in the oil market was being helped by a belief that Opec really is making some cuts in excess supply. This counter to the speculation when Opec oil ministers at talks in Geneva announced an agreement to cut output on May 3.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW), an industry newsletter, estimated today that cuts so far were "in a range of 700,000 to 900,000 barrels per day (BPD)."

This is less than Opec's target of 1.445 million but industry sources said Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, seemed serious about reducing its production.

PIW said Saudi Arabia was cutting up to 500,000 barrels. But Opec President Sadek Bouassena of Algeria says fear of a price crash has led to better discipline among the 13 members.

"We reached a degree of discipline that forced the organisation to unite," Bouassena said at the weekend.

concerns that a weak US economy could prompt a cut in US interest rates. But they said markets were waiting for US trade and inflation figures later this week before acting.

West German markets suffered from a poor showing for the ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in two state elections at the weekend which cost Chancellor Helmut Kohl his majority in the Upper House of Parliament.

The news prompted profit-taking in the market, both against the dollar and European currencies. It was two pennings lower against sterling at 2.7618 marks to the pound.

Opposition Social Democrats ousted the CDU in rural Lower Saxony and held their absolute majority in the coal-and-steel state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Analysis said the result was a vote against Kohl's swift drive towards unity between West and East Germany, but they felt it the impact on the markets would be short-lived.

## Dollar ends higher against mark

LONDON, May 14, (Reuters): The dollar closed higher against a depressed West German mark in Europe today but it was mixed against other currencies in what dealers described as cautious trading ahead of key US economic data later this week. Gold closed one dollar higher at \$369.40 an ounce.

The dollar had opened higher against most currencies in a technical reaction to heavy losses last week when it sank to a two-year low against the mark. But most of its gains were eroded during the day.

The dollar closed at 1.6432 marks compared with 1.6305 on Friday, and was a touch higher at 152.73 yen against the yen.

It was stronger against the French franc but little changed against the Swiss franc and unchanged against the pound sterling, both of which are supported by high interest rates.

Dealers said underlying sentiment remained soft, based on

is expected to take about a month at least.

Since the new government assumed office in December, 1989, Pitroda, who was considered very close to former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, has been dogged by problems. He was one of those appointees of the previous government who did not resign after the change of power at the centre. Most other political appointees had either resigned or were eased out later.

Initially, the troubles seemed to be more in the nature of an ego clash between Pitroda and the portly Communication Minister K.P. Unnikrishnan. It seems Pitroda was late by a few minutes in welcoming Unnikrishnan on his first day in office. Pitroda explained this saying he had a very important visitor in his office and simply could not ask him to leave.

There is, of course, no knowing whether this incident was responsible for all that followed between the two. Both sides went to the press regularly, making allegations and offering explanations.

A few weeks later, Unnikrishnan announced in Parliament his decision to set up the high-powered committee under K.P.P. Nambiar, former electronics secretary, to probe the working of C-DoT, which was in every sense of the term

Pitroda's baby.

There are two main charges against Pitroda and C-DoT. The organisation was set up as an autonomous research and development society to develop India's first indigenous switching systems to break the country's dependence on multi-national

The charges are that Pitroda has failed to deliver the main automatic exchange (MAX) within the promised time frame and that he has failed to install the rural automatic exchange (RAX) all over the country. The MAX is expected to go into commercial production only after some more time and there have been some problems with producing the rural exchanges in large numbers though they have been installed in quite a few villages.

C-DoT officials and Pitroda explain this by saying such problems are only to be expected when a technology is being developed from scratch, while their opponents say the delays have put back India's telecommunication plans by some years.

Even more serious are the allegations of financial irregularities. C-DoT has been accused of importing equipment from a

company owned by Pitroda's family in the United States. Here again, Pitroda dismisses the charges claiming there were no irregularities and that his firm made no money on the deal and was only helping C-DoT out.

The Nambiar committee submitted its reports a few weeks ago amidst some controversy. Four of its members refused to sign the main report and submitted instead a dissent report. Two of those who did this happened to be senior C-DoT officials. They were relieved of their jobs some time later.

As the Unnikrishnan-Pitroda clash seemed to be reaching a climax, Prime Minister V.P. Singh expanded his ministry, an occasion he used to shift Unnikrishnan out of the Communication Ministry, leaving him only with surface transport. This, many thought, was a victory for Pitroda. But now it does not look quite that.

Much depends on the outcome of the CAG audit into C-DoT affairs.

Later, the government might decide to ask the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to inquire further into the allegations if the audit yields anything concrete.

## Chairman quits Philips faces shake-up

EINDHOVEN, Netherlands, May 14, (Reuters): Dutch electronics group Philips appeared headed for a major restructuring after the company announced today that its chairman was resigning a year ahead of his planned retirement date.

NV Philips Gloeilampenfabrieken confirmed market speculation that Cor Van Der Klugt — once seen as the group's saviour — would go in July instead of at the peak of his 60th birthday year.

He thus became the first corporate casualty after the announcement this month that first quarter 1990 group net profit had collapsed to six million guilders (\$3.25 million) from 200 million (\$108 million) the same period of 1989.

Stock analysts expected his successor, Jan Timmer, known as "Hurricane Gilbert" for cleaning up the company's consumer products division, to take harsh measures to arrest the slide of one of the world's largest electronics companies — 1989 turnover of 57.2 billion guilders (\$30.9 billion).

Timmer, 57, credited with restoring profitability in Philips best-known products — from razors to compact discs — is expected to tackle losses in integrated circuits and computers.

It was huge losses in those areas and foreign exchange which stunned investors after the Philips profit result was announced on May 3. But what concerned analysts most was that company directors said they were taken totally by surprise by the fall.

"Confidence in Philips has been damaged. That's the worst thing that can happen to a company," said Philips group supervisory chairman and Van Der Klugt's predecessor, Wisse Dekker, who initiated and announced the shake-up.

"Drastic measures are needed to restore confidence."

Analysts said they were impressed by the speed at which Dekker had moved. They hoped it indicated a change of mood at Philips which has been slow to take tough decisions on trimming staff and manufacturing plants.

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FRANKFURT: Local election losses for the Christian Democratic Union party soured the mood on the stock market. The Dax index fell 14.70 to close at 1,866.33.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

TOKYO, May 14, (Reuters): Tokyo stocks ended higher, maintaining the gains of a more than 40-point early morning surge in benchmark Nikkei average. The Nikkei index closed up 530.51 at 32,042.65.

SYDNEY: Australia's sharemarket posted its largest single-day rise in two years to break through the 1500.0 level. The All Ordinaries index was up 32.6 points at 1517.2.

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appeal of China's Premier Deng Xiaoping, quelling rumours he had died. The Hang Seng was up 15.98 to 2,976.44.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed slightly firmer in active trading as a lack of follow-through buying and profit-taking trimmed early gains. The Straits Times industrial index ended 3.90 up at 1,536.07.

BOMBAY: Share prices drifted lower in nervous trading after newspaper reports of troop mobilisation along the India-Pakistan border sparked fears of war. The Bombay Stock Exchange index fell 13.67 to 774.75.

FRANKFURT: Local election losses for the Christian Democratic Union party soured the mood on the stock market. The Dax index fell 14.70 to close at 1,866.33.

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## Romania's economy still in decline

BUCHAREST, May 14, (Reuters): Romania's economy plunged further into disarray in April, with industrial output, investment, labour productivity and exports all sharply down on a year ago, figures from the National Commission of Statistics showed today.

Following the overthrow last December of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, who had systematically denied his people even basic necessities, Romania increased its hard currency imports by 75 per cent over April 1989.

This figure was mainly accounted for by raw materials and consumer goods for a country where shortages and rationing had become a way of life.

The Statistics Commission mentioned imports during April of meat, frozen fish, edible oil, dairy products, rice and citrus fruit, but gave no figures.

Most of these products were unavailable during Ceausescu's 24-year reign.

Imports from the "socialist countries" were down by 26 per cent, while exports to this bloc were down to 68 per cent of the April 1989 figure.

Exports to Western countries fared even worse at 51 per cent of the year ago performance, but this was partly accounted for by a reduction in exports of foodstuffs and petroleum products needed at home. Only percentages were given on Monday, but previously published annual figures for 1989 recorded exports to the socialist countries of 4.64 billion Soviet rubles (\$7.8 billion) against imports of 5.13 billion rubles (\$8.6 billion), and hard currency exports of \$5.99 billion against imports of \$3.47 billion.

The good news for Romania's 23 million people was that sales of consumer goods rose 18 per cent overall on the year-ago figures, with huge increases in some items, including milk and dairy products, up by 241 per cent, canned meat up by 177 per cent and canned fish up by 250 per cent.

Fresh meat and meat products sales, severely limited for Romanians under the old administration in favour of exporters, were more modest but still healthy 31 per cent.

## Aspip chief to chair board meeting

UNDER the patronage of the Qatari Minister of Economy and Commerce Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim Al Thani, the general assembly and board meeting of the Protection of Industrial Property (Aspip) will be held in Doha - Qatar chaired by Talal Abu-Ghazaleh.

The activities include a seminar on "Protection of Industrial Property Legislation in Arab Countries" organised in co-operation with the Qatar Chamber of Commerce. This seminar will be attended by a number of Arab trademark and patent registrars in addition to officials and businessmen from Arab countries. Among the distinguished guests is Dr. Erich Hauser, the president of the German Patent Office. This office is considered the third of its kind in the world with more than 24 million registered patents.

President of Aspip Abu-Ghazaleh stated that this seminar and meetings come within the framework of Aspip's policy to develop the profession to enable it to play its role in the economic and technological advancement of Arab countries. The choice of the seminar theme is meant to highlight the importance of legislation in this field.

A speech by the director-general of the Qatari Chamber of Commerce will be delivered after which a comparative Arab legislation will be held including a proposed model law for Arab countries.

Aspip's board will discuss in its meetings the 1989 annual report and the progress so far achieved regarding the establishment of new national societies and the status of the training courses scheduled to be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE in addition to the first Arab International Conference on "Protection of Industrial Property". The board of directors will also be looking into Aspip's activities with the Economic and Social Council of the UN.

## Short-dates KD deposit rates firm

KUWAIT, May 14, (Reuters): Short dates were firm on the Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit market today, dealers said.

Demand for short dates was considerable, as operators were running short in day to day funds, they said, and overnight deals at 8-5/8 per cent, while tomorrow-next and spot-next were quoted around 8-1/16-1/2.

Little business was seen in fixed rates, they said, and rates were generally unchanged.

The Central Bank fixed the dinar at 0.29081/91 to the dollar.

Meanwhile rates were generally unchanged on a quiet Saudi riyal interbank deposit market today, with little business taking place, dealers said.

## Exchange Rates

Indian rupee	16.890
Sri Lanka rupee	7.340
Pakistan rupee	13.390
Bangladesh taka	8.450
US dollar	291.30
Pound sterling	0.7725
UAE dirham	0.7725
Deutsche mark	177.10
Japanese yen	001903

## Bank's local assets growing

# Credit facilities to residents surge

THE available financial data on the banking system show that the aggregate balance sheet of local banks totalled KD 13419 million at the end of February 1990, increasing by one per cent (KD 136 million) over the previous month and by 9.1 per cent above its level in the corresponding month of the previous year. The increase in that balance sheet — on the side of assets — can be attributed to an increase of KD

144 million (1.4 per cent) in the local assets, against a slight decline of KD 46 million (0.3 per cent) in foreign assets. Including this increase in local assets, credit facilities to residents and local investments recorded an increase of KD 61 million, according to Kuwait Central Bank's Monthly Monetary Review.

On the side of liabilities, the increase in that balance sheet can be attributed

to an increase of KD 90 million (0.8 per cent) in local liabilities and of KD 46 million (2.7 per cent) in foreign liabilities. Among the most pronounced developments in local liabilities was the increase of KD 57 million (1.2 per cent) in the balances of private sector deposits.

These developments led to an increase in the relative importance of local assets in total assets of 77 per cent.

Meanwhile, the relative weight of local liabilities in total liabilities stood stable around 87 per cent, and thus these local assets remain a main source of financing for all local assets, besides being a source of financing for a part of foreign assets.

Central Bank balances in KD with local banks increased by KD 20 million at the end of February 1990, as a result of an increase (KD 14 million) in Cen-

tral Bank claims on local banks and a decrease (KD 6 million) in the claims of these banks on the Central Bank. The increase in CBK claims on local banks was concentrated in swap operations.

On the other hand, the Central Bank of Kuwait offered five issues of treasury bills in February 1990 (from issue No. 93 to issue No. 97), totalling KD 680 million. Meanwhile, four previous issues of these bills (issue No. 77 to issue

No. 80), totalling KD 730 million, matured in the same month, reducing the outstanding balance of these bills by KD 50 million below its level in the previous month.

Since no new issues of treasury bonds were offered and no previous issues matured in February 1990, the outstanding balance of these bonds maintained its level (KD 370 million) of the previous month.

## Top Fed officials to meet today to map strategy

# Big spending cuts could spur recession

WASHINGTON, May 14, (AP): President George Bush's surprise move to seek a grand budget compromise with Congress could backfire and hand the President the very recession he had hoped to avoid, private economists warn.

The fear is that cutting the budget deficit by the size being discussed — a combination of spending restraints and new taxes in the range of \$60 billion to 100 billion — would take a lot of steam out of the US economy.

With economic growth only expected to average an anemic 2 per cent this year, such a wallop could easily push the country into a recession, putting an end to the longest peacetime expansion on record.

"This could be a classic case of doing the right thing at the wrong time," said David Jones, an economist at Aubrey G. Lantson and Co. in New York.

Jones predicted that the adverse impact from a budget agreement would hit in late 1991 or early 1992, at which time the loss of government spending in both domestic and military programmes and lower disposable income from higher taxes

would be enough to trigger an economic slump.

"It would be the worst possible environment for the president to run for re-election," Jones said in an interview last week. "It could make George Bush a one-term president."

However, other economists argued that the president is right to take the risk of reaching a far-reaching agreement that finally would resolve the deficit problem that has plagued America for nearly a decade.

These economists believe a successful budget-reduction package would result in a significant drop in interest rates, reflecting a reduced government drain on capital markets.

"It would be unfortunate if a weak economy deterred the president and Congress from making a major fix on the budget," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co. "It really is the right time provided that the Federal Reserve responds to offset the budgetary restraint."

But even the optimists concede that such a scenario will be difficult to pull off, given the fact that actions such as tax increases and moves by

the Fed to lower interest rates often have long and unpredictable lag times.

"The danger is that fiscal policy (taxes and spending) and monetary policy (interest rates) won't be coordinated," said David Wynn, senior economist at DRI-McGraw Hill. "The Fed should really start loosening now to counteract spending cuts that would go into effect in October and a tax increase that would take effect in January."

Top Fed policymakers will meet behind closed doors tomorrow to map monetary strategy, but few analysts are looking for any immediate credit easing, given current Fed concerns that inflation remains a problem.

The Bush administration has been unsuccessfully pressuring the Fed for months to ease credit policies, fearing that higher interest rates would slow the economy and make the administration's deficit reduction goals unobtainable.

In January, the administration released a proposed budget for 1991 fiscal year, which begins Oct 1,

that projected a deficit of \$100 billion, without any changes in policy.

The administration proposed a \$36 billion package of spending cuts and modest tax increases to reach the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction target of \$64 billion, which is required by law.

The administration's proposal was attacked at the time as overly optimistic, and even so far this year have proven the critics correct.

Interest rates have risen higher than the administration's forecast, raising the cost of financing the \$3 trillion government debt. At the same time, the economy has not grown as fast, bringing in less tax revenues. In addition, the cost of reducing (failed savings and loans has skyrocketed).

White House budget director Richard Darman now says the deficit, absent any corrections, could soar as much as \$100 billion higher than the \$64 billion target, triggering massive, across-the-board spending cuts in both military and defence programmes under the Gramm-Rudman law.

## Brazil frees stock speculator Naji Nahas

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 14, (Reuters): A Brazilian judge has freed speculator Naji Nahas, who was placed under house arrest after sparking a crisis in Brazil's stock exchanges last year, officials said today.

Rio federal judge Augusto Guilherme Diefenthaler, who ordered Nahas arrested last July, released him late on Friday while an inquiry into his stock dealings continues.

Nahas had been confined to his apartment in Sao Paulo for seven months.

Lebanese-born Nahas said he will return to work as the head of his own firm today but will have no further dealings with Brazilian stock

markets. Nahas still faces charges of fraud and crimes against the economy. The judge ordered his release, saying more information is needed and this could prolong the investigation past legal time limits under which an arrested defendant must stand trial.

Nahas brokered Brazil exchanges last year when he bounced cheques worth the equivalent of \$29 million. Eleven other people were involved in the scandal, which led to the resignation of the Central Bank president, but only Nahas was arrested.

Brokerage houses lost out to \$500 million when Nahas stopped payment on his cheques, according to market estimates. The move forced authorities to close the stock and options markets on June 12, and the options markets remained closed until November 1.

Nahas, a Brazilian citizen, took advantage of a system under which he bought and sold shares on the same day but did not pay for purchases until the end of a five-day payment period. The system worked until banks, worried about Nahas's massive exposure, began to restrict credit.

## BDI wants to rebuild industry

BONN, May 14, (Reuters): West Germany's powerful Confederation of Industry (BDI) wants to rebuild East German industry using techniques borrowed from British occupation forces after World War Two.

The BDI believes East German industry shares many of the problems that the huge German steel groups faced after 12 years of Hitler's command economy, urgently needing a breathing space to sort out ownership and debts.

An internal BDI document, made available to Reuters, wants East German firms to set up holding companies which will lease plant and personnel from the old firms but not take on debts.

Foreign investors could therefore take a shareholding in the new company, while the old firm uses the lease payments to repay interest on its debts.

The BDI believes its lease model, used successfully by British occupation forces after the trauma of World War Two, will keep East German production going until difficult issues like ownership are worked out.

The document has been circulated to East German officials. "We're waiting for a reply," said a BDI official, noting that time was running out for East German firms with July's German monetary union looming only weeks away.

The Bonn government is to convert East Germany's 247.5 billion marks of corporate debt into West German marks at a rate of two East marks for one West mark (a rate of one-for-one would have made it \$150 billion).

This conversion rate gives East German companies more of a chance than if their huge debts, run up in four decades of Stalinist mismanagement, were converted at par — the rate applying to most of East German personal savings.

But officials in both Germanys nevertheless predict the two-for-one rate will cut a deep swathe through East Germany's uncompetitive industry, with more than half of its state-owned firms threatened by bankruptcy.

## Mark edges lower

# Bonn markets slide on state poll results

FRANKFURT, May 14, (Reuters): West German financial markets fell today after a poor weekend showing by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in two state elections, but market analysts expected the losses to be short-lived.

West German share and bond prices fell, while the West German mark edged lower against the dollar and other currencies on foreign exchange markets.

The opposition Social Democrats (SPD) held their absolute majority for the third time in the coal-and-steel state of north Rhine-Westphalia and unseated the CDU-led government in rural Lower Saxony.

The result meant the CDU no longer have a majority in the Upper House of the federal parliament (Bundesrat) and that government legislation could be blocked. The Bundesrat is drawn from the state governments.

"When the SPD wins something big, the first reaction is always negative," said Jurgen Roethig, senior analyst at Baring Bros Securities in Frankfurt.

"But when investors put their thinking caps back on again rather than reacting emotionally they will realise the result is not necessarily that bad for markets," he added.

The Dax index of 30 leading West German shares fell almost one per cent in Frankfurt to close 14,700 points lower at 1,860.33. Dealers had expected the market to rally after Wall Street stocks soared on Friday.

West German bond prices fell around 50 pennings in response to the election news. The dollar rose more than one penny to around 1.6435 marks and the British pound put on more than two pennings to around 2.7625 marks.

If an SPD government were elected in a federal election due in December, its power to act on some issues would be limited by the requirements of European harmonisation, Roethig said.

The SPD would therefore be unable to effect many policies seen as bad for markets, such as increasing corporation tax, he added.

Peter Diehlmeier, economist at Commerzbank, also felt the effect on markets would be short-lived.



One-day workshop

BMW importers from the six Gulf markets met recently in Bahrain for a one-day workshop to plan how to maintain the luxury-car's expanding regional sales. They were joined by Hans Freiloth (fifth from left standing), the German company's Middle East Export Manager, Michael Schade (eighth from left standing), from the German Head Office, and Akram Minkas (fourth from left seated), President of Fortuna Promoseven, BMW's regional advertising and PR agents. Picture shows standing (from left): Yassir Bitar, Fortuna Promoseven, Bahrain; Thomas Sperlich, Arabian Gulf Mechanical Centre Ltd, Sharjah, UAE; Stathis Stathis, Arabian Gulf Mechanical Centre Ltd, Dubai, UAE; Werner Koch, National Automobiles, Oman; Hans Freiloth, BMW AG Munich; Mohamed Hassan, Abu Dhabi Motors, Abu Dhabi, UAE; Jaleel Ur Rahman, Naghi Motors Corporation, Saudi Arabia; Michael Schade, BMW AG Munich; Arel Akhal, New Trade Engineering, Qatar. Seated (from left): Fares Abu Hamad, Fortuna Promoseven, Bahrain; Ghazi Al Maloud, A.A. Zayari & Sons, Bahrain; Shaikh Mohamed Naghi, Naghi Motors Corporation, Saudi Arabia; Akram Minkas, Fortuna Promoseven, Bahrain; Kokos Georgiades, Arabian Gulf Mechanical Centre Ltd, Sharjah.

## Hong Kong seeks to smooth trade ties with Vancouver

VANCOUVER, May 14, (Reuters): Hong Kong, the bustling gateway to the Orient, has chosen sleepy Vancouver as its gateway to Canada by setting up a trade headquarters in this picturesque port city.

The Hong Kong Trade Development Council, a quasi-government agency with 36 offices around the world, said the new office will aim to smooth trans-Pacific trade and ease ethnic tension in the West Coast city of 1.5 million people.

"You just look at the flights between Hong Kong and Vancouver — it's getting more and more busy," said Wai-Ho Wong, the newly arrived representative of the trade council. "We predict that this city will become more of a world trading centre in the years to come."

With a backdrop of mountains similar to that of Hong Kong, Vancouver has seen a wave of immigration and investment in recent years from the British colony and now has the third-largest chinatown in North America.

Hong Kong trading company Jardine Matheson recently set up a Vancouver office and the Vancouver-based unit of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank has

enjoyed booming business in Canada.

But Wong acknowledged that aggressive newcomers from Hong Kong, a hyperactive city of six million, have not endeared themselves to laid-back British Columbians, many of whom view them as money-grabbing speculators.

"Hong Kong people have been famous for real estate investment in the past few years," Wong said. "This has created a bad image as Canadians may tend to think that they have jacked up housing prices."

Tensions have been further exacerbated by the sale of a prime chunk of downtown Vancouver property — the former waterfront site of the 1986 world fair — to Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-Shing at what has been called a bargain price.

Xenophobic local writers have warned that as Hong Kong reverts to Chinese control in 1997, Vancouver will be turned into "hongcouver" by profit-mad Chinese immigrants.

"The entrepreneurs who are flocking in regard Vancouverites as slow, uncompetitive and backward — pushovers," said right-wing columnist Doug Collins of the

North Shore News.

Collins accused the Hong Kong Chinese of all manner of greed. "Money is their first love, their obsession and their God, be it in real estate, furs, elephant tusks, sweatshops or grandma's old shoes," he said.

Others claim Hong Kong immigrants are ruining leafy Vancouver neighbourhoods by chopping down trees and shrubs that, according to Feng Shui teaching (a Chinese form of geomancy), are believed inhabited by bad spirits.

"The place is being butchered," huffed columnist Trevor Lautens.

But Wong insisted that the Hong Kong connection is good for Canada and that the new immigrants, many of whom keep homes on both sides of the Pacific, make excellent citizens and businessmen.

"Hong Kong people do not just sit at home and leave their money in the bank," he said. "Once they have settled down, they find ways to invest in trading and manufacturing industries."

Wong, a 40-year-old accountant, agreed with British Columbians on one thing — trade between Canada and Hong

Kong is burgeoning. Wong said it increased 22 per cent last year after a 17 per cent rise in 1988.

The Trade Council plans exhibitions to promote all sorts of Hong Kong goods from fashion accessories to electronic components.

But, Wong said, Canadian businessmen still are not taking as much advantage as they might from opportunities in Hong Kong and Hong Kong exports to Canada far more than it imports from it.

"We try to publicise that Hong Kong is a free market. Everybody can get in this market as long as their product is competitive," Wong said. "Buying power is quite great."

Wong pointed out that Hong Kong is also a major Asian re-export centre — particularly since China reopened trade to the rest of the world.

China needs all the pulp and paper it can get from Canada, the world's biggest exporter of forest products, he said, and there is also a large Asian market for North American foodstuffs from seafood to fruit juices.

## Little slowdown in spending

# UK retail sales rise

LONDON, May 14, (Reuters): British retail sales rose one per cent in April, more than double market expectations and indicating government attempts to curb demand with high interest rates may not be biting fast enough.

Official figures issued today showed retail sales volume rose a provisional one per cent, reversing a 1.8 per cent fall in March. It was 2.4 per cent up on April 1989.

Financial markets had been expecting a rise of less than half of one per cent in April and the retail sales jump followed last week's announcement that year-on-year inflation had hit 9.4 per cent in April — its highest level in eight years.

But today's economic data did not weaken support for the pound sterling which firmed slightly on opening levels to trade around \$1.682 and 2.76 West German marks.

Retail sales growth has levelled out at an annual two per cent in real terms, which is still very high and not an indication that consumers are experiencing too much hardship," said Paul Tempest, chief economist at Merrill Lynch Europe.

Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major last week reiterated the government's priority remained to beat inflation by maintaining high interest rates — the bank base rate has stood at 15 per cent since last October, double what it was in mid-1988.

But this device has been blunted by wage increases at or above the level of inflation.

Other figures released today showed the price of goods produced in British factories rose at their fastest pace for more than seven years, reaching an annual 6.1 per cent in April from 5.6 per cent in March.

The jump was due mainly to a rise announced in the March budget in excises on alcohol, tobacco and fuel. Without these the increase would have been more in line with long-term trends.

## Sales boost platinum supply

LONDON, May 14, (Reuters): Platinum supplies surged to a record on the world market last year because of increased Soviet selling to raise hard currency, metals trading house Johnson Matthey said today.

But the excess of the dull silver grey metal was mopped up by higher demand in Europe and North America where it is used in making catalytic converters which help control pollution from car exhaust emissions, it added.

The Soviet Union sold 550,000 ounces last year, a 25 per cent increase on its 1988 sales, as part of a campaign to raise foreign earnings. London-based Johnson Matthey said in its annual review of the market.

This lifted the total supply of platinum to 3.37 million ounces last year from 3.26 million in 1988 while demand fell to 2.45 million from 2.66 million.

Output from the major producers, South Africa, rose by just 10,000 ounces to 2.59 million ounces in 1989, but this is expected to increase this year as three new mines build up to full capacity. Canadian output rose 5,000 ounces to 150,000.

Buying of platinum was dominated by Japan, which bought 1.66 million ounces, mostly used in jewellery, Matthey said.

## News graphics service launched

LONDON, May 14, (Reuters): Reuters launched an international news graphics service today which combines sophisticated drawings and text to illustrate the news.

A media of specialised graphics journalists uses the latest computer hardware and software to produce the graphics for newspapers and broadcasters world-wide, a Reuters statement said.

The service features up to five graphics a day ranging over war, political upheavals, natural disasters, business, sport and entertainment. All graphics will be produced in both black and white and colour.

"The new service meets a growing demand from our media subscribers for visual displays," said Marcus Ferrar, media marketing manager for Reuters Europe, Middle East and Africa.

"Reuters already has an unrivalled capacity to track world events through its correspondents and photographers. Graphics exploits new technology in portraying events in a way which text and photos cannot always match," he said.

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## Tokyo shares

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Volume: 800 mil shs			
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Name of stock	C	C	C
Advantage Corp	5390	-20	
Aijiamoto	2170	-10	
Alps Electric	2050	-10	
Anada	1720	-10	
Asahi Chem Ind	931	-24	
Asahi Glass	1900	-20	
C. Rosh Co	908	-20	
Casual Inc	1260	-10	
Casio Comp	1620	-40	
Dei Nippon Printing	1940	-20	
Daiichi Sanyo	2380	-30	
Dainippon Ind	2720	-10	
Daishuichi Corp	1640	-90	
Enei	1860	-10	
Farmis Ltd	7380	+10	
Fuji Photo	4150	-10	
Fujitsu Ltd	1430	-10	
Hinichi Credit	1580	-50	
Hinichi Koki	2170	-30	
Hinichi Ltd	1210	-20	
Hinichi Metal	1480	-30	
Honda Motor	1830	-10	
Ito Yokado Co	4130	+90	
Kajima Corp	1780	-20	
Kawasaki H I	886	+13	
Kobe Cast Iron	1250	-10	
Kokusan Elec	4950	+10	
Komatsu Ltd	1120	-10	
Kyocera Corp	4650	-10	
Matsushita Ind	3100	+30	
Mitsubishi Ind	3770	-10	</





Plaque of Appreciation

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, shown with Fahd Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, G.M. of Holiday Inn, Kuwait, was presented a plaque of appreciation for being elected Deputy Chairman of the Asian Football Association.



Goodbye Counsellor Palala

Counselor Olivia Palala of the Philippine embassy (second from left) held a farewell dinner for the media at the SAS Hotel. Palala will be returning to Manila.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Opening with the Holy Quran  
9.45 Cartoon serial  
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)  
10.30 Daily Arabic serial  
11.30 Cultural film  
12.00 Educational programme  
12.30 News in brief and closedown  
Evening:  
4.00 Opening with the Holy Quran  
4.15 World Today via Satellite (repetition)  
4.30 Cartoon serial  
5.00 World of tomorrow programme  
5.30 Public announcements  
6.00 Daily Arabic serial - Ayam Al Ramad  
7.00 Songs  
7.25 Cultural programme  
8.30 Good evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 New daily Arabic serial - Muthakeral

Zawj, Starring: Mahmoud Yassin  
10.30 Weekly Arabic serial  
12.15 News in brief  
12.20 World Today via Satellite and Close-down

## KTV 2

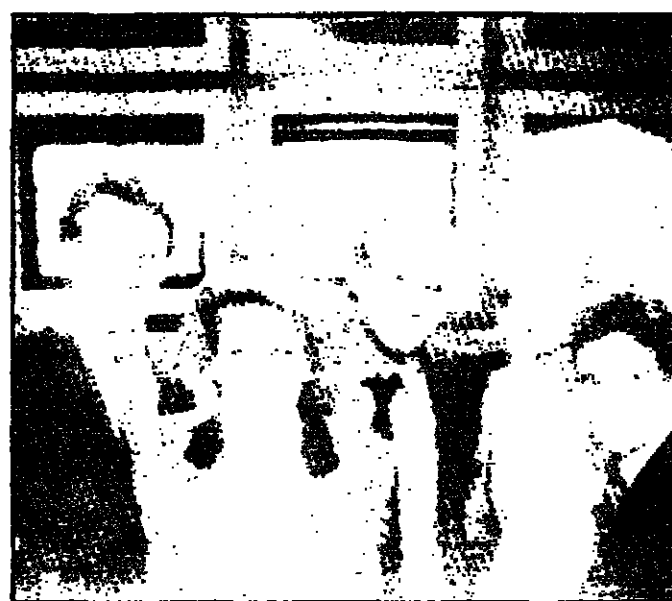
6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran  
6.10 Voltron: A cartoon series for children  
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club. A young girl asks questions and receives answers.  
7.00 Quran and Science, 'Creation of Embryo', Part 2  
7.30 Kate and Allie. Allie Make... Kate attempts to convince Allie to marry 'Bob' but Allie's mother has a different point of view...  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 You and the Law: Part

one of a two part programme on sailing. Interview with coast guard/incharge, Major Abu Al Khalil. Part 2 deals with safety at sea.

8.45 Bordertown. A young man kills another in self-defence, but the dead man's father plans revenge. The sheriff plans to stop him.  
9.15 Horizon. 'The Poison That Waits.' 'Guam' is a disease caused as a result of three other dangerous diseases: a team of researchers attempt to find a treatment for this dangerous disease.  
10.00 Murphy Brown. Murphy holds an interview with a short man after he is released from prison... The interview proves to be of great help.  
10.30 Wolf. 'Dylan', Dylan,

the attorney defends a man accused of bombing a house. Tony refuses to co-operate

and considers the man guilty...  
11.30 News in brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite



KTV2: 10.00 - Murphy Brown

## The French Cultural Centre

## Lectures and film projections

THE French Cultural Centre is launching a series of lectures and French film projections that make the month of May among the most eventful ones this year.

Four lectures on varying topics are earmarked for this month. On May 19 at 6.30pm Mr. Dominique de Meuron, the director of the Kuwait telecommunications tour project will talk about different stages in the construction of the tour.

French embassy Counsellor Jean-Pierre Galtier, will deliver a talk on Rabelais, a French writer whose works are characterised by bawdy humour and perceptive satire, on May 27 at 6.30pm. The last in the series of lectures will be delivered by French Ambassador Jean Bellivier on May 29, 6.30pm under the title of the Pacific Space and European Space. The lecture will deal with a theme presented in a recent book by J. Attali.

On May 12 Laurent Crokaert spoke on 'Les Federations' in a tale that dealt with French his-

tory between 1789 and 1790.

The next film projection on May 16 is Voyage a Fampol, a 1985 movie with Boyer Myriam, Boujannah Michel and Garreay J. Francois. The movie is directed by John Berry, an American who was victimised during the McCarthy era and fled the US first for Great Britain and later on to France.

La Femme Secrete, to be screened on May 23, is a thriller which deals with a man-woman relationship.

The last movie for the month of May, Movais Sang, will be screened on May 30. All films begin at 6.15pm.

The French Cultural Centre, situated beside the Institut Voltaire and the French embassy is open in the mornings Saturday through Thursday from 9am to 1pm and Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm as well.

Film projections are on Wednesdays at 6.15pm. Last chance for membership for 1990 now

available at the reduced rate of KD5 plus a deposit of KD5. The centre's library is preparing to order new books. Suggestions citing titles and authors' and publishers' names are welcome. For additional information contact 5312000 ext 47.



The French Ambassador - Pacific Space and European space

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Gallery Dahiyat**  
Abdullah Al Salem  
THE Sixth Arab Children's art show will be held at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque, from May 12 to 21. The paintings and drawings of children from several Arab and Gulf countries will be on show. It will be open from 9am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm, except weekends.

## SOCIAL

**Santacruzans sa Nasyon**  
THE newly-inaugurated Cafe Maharlika, owned and managed by two budding Filipino entrepreneurs - Rene Dixon and Larry Gallardo will hold the traditional 'Santacruzans sa Nasyon' on May 25. This will be a sort of beauty tilt searching for the most beautiful 'Reyna Elena'.

Young girls aged up to ten years old are encouraged to participate in this contest. Valuable prizes await the lucky winners. A line-up of Filipino games would also be a part of this exciting, colourful and nostalgic festivity. Popular games will include 'agaw bitin, palasebo, paluan ng palayok' and sack race.

Everyone is invited and delectable Filipino snacks consisting of 'ginataang mongo, puto kutsinta, sinokmani, gulaman and sago' will be served at a small fee.

The affair set in the colourful atmosphere with the typical proceedings and presentation of 'Flores de Mayo' will also mark the blessing of Cafe Maharlika by Fr Angelo of the Holy Family Cathedral.

For contest particulars, anyone who's interested can contact either Rene or Larry at Cafe Maharlika located at Fahd Al Salem Street, Kuwait City, between Hardees and Souk Al Muttahida.

**Kuwait Singers**  
THE Kuwait Singers present a Spring Frolic at the Gulf English School, Salwa, 8pm, May 16, 17. Refreshments provided. Bookings: 5384873 and 3900922.

**NRI Up-date**  
THE NRI Investors Forum meeting in Indian embassy auditorium at 11.00 am on Friday, May 25, 1990. Up-to-date reporting on forthcoming Third Gulf NRI Conference in New Delhi. All Indians cordially invited.

## Crazy Thieves

IAC presents a full length hilarious Tamil comedy drama 'Crazy Thieves' directed by C. K. V. Raman, on May 25, 1990 at 7.00pm at their auditorium in Funaites. For passes please contact on 3904817, 5616930, 4894874 and 3903879. Vantage seats can be received for yellow and white passes only on May 23 and 24, 1990 from 6.00pm to 8.30pm at IAC office in Funaites.

**Arab and International Handicrafts Bazaar 1990**

NADI AL FATAT takes pleasure in inviting you to the Arab and International Handicrafts Bazaar 1990 on Tuesday, May 15, 1990 at 5pm. Representatives of the Arab and international diplomatic corps are participating in this festival. Demonstrations of traditional folk music and dance will occur daily from 7pm. The bazaar will continue through for two days - Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17, 1990 from 10am to 12pm and 4 to 9pm. The proceeds of all sales will be to the benefit of the orphaned children of Lebanon.

**Approb meeting**  
THE bi-monthly meeting of the Approb members will be held on May 17, 1990, at 7pm at the residence of Iqbal Latif.

The meeting will be followed by dinner and entertainment. All members are requested to attend.

Meanwhile, the Approb executive board has decided to compile 'Who is who' directory of Pakistani professionals and businessmen in Kuwait. Modalities of the project will be discussed at the May 17 meeting.

**Indian Arts Circle**  
HERE'S good news for lovers of one-act plays. A wide variety of one-act plays to reach as wide an audience as possible is going to be staged from 17th to 31st May 1990 at the IAC auditorium for the 2nd IAC One Act Play Competition. After the roaring success of the 1st One Act Play Competition, 16 teams are planning to perform plays in languages ranging from Malayalam to Marathi. The inaugural offering is a Konkani play at 8pm on the 17th May. Watch out for further information in this column.

**Kuwait Welsh Society**  
THE annual general meeting and social evening will be held at 8pm on May 23, 1990. For details of venue etc., please ring 3912384, 3713467 or 5740256. Newcomers welcome.

## Hyderabad Mushaira

THE committee for celebrations of four centenary of Hyderabad Deccan, is going to hold a grand Mushaira, on Thursday, May 17, 1990 at 7.30 pm at the Ice Skating Rink, Opp. TV Bldg, Kuwait. Guest poets from Hyderabad will participate in the Mushaira along with prominent local poets. Reserve your seat early to avoid disappointment. For passes and more information call Ehteshamuddin 2463116/7, Sikander Khan 5630557, M. Murtaza 5633880, Akhano 2402603/4, Khalish Hyderabad 4735591 ext. 34 (between 9.30 - 11.30 am).

## Polish Charity Concert

POLISH Charity Concert will take place on Wednesday, May 16, and Thursday, May 24, at 8 pm, in Moustet Theatre, (New English School, Jabriya). Polish and Yugoslavian musicians will perform a rich Chopin, Schubert, Brahms etc. In addition, light and sound and show - Faces of the Desert with electronic music, composed by Mark Bilinsky and Videorama Jaek Wozniak will be shown. Tickets for KD 5 can be bought from 4-6 pm. Telephone reservations call Penny Honeywell - 5380596 or Dr Jan Woznyk - Tel: 4747879.

## Boushahri Gallery

AN exhibition of paintings by eight Arab artists will be held at the Boushahri Gallery, North Salmiya Bldg., Salem Al Mubarak St., from May 7. The month-long exhibition is being held under the patronage of Dr Hassan Ali Ibrahim. Some of the artists who will exhibit their works include Jaafar Isah, Jafar Kaki, Rashed Diyab, Dia Al Azzawi and Saleh Jame'ci. It will be open to the public for a month. Timings: 9 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 7.30 pm.

## Painting exhibition

A PAINTING exhibition titled, Around the World, will be held at Kuwait International Hotel from May 8-16 by Mrs Luz Marina Colwell, an American citizen born in Colombia, South America. The exhibition will show subjects from different countries as well as a special section on Kuwait. It includes cityscapes, desertscapes, landscapes and Islamic designs. Tel.: 2530000.

## Kuwait players

KUWAIT Players presents A Room Full of Foreigners from May 28 to May 31 at the U.A.S. - Salwa - at 8.00 pm. For reservations phone 5321294 or 5615357.

## Pakistan Arts Circle

THE executive committee of the Pakistan Arts Circle has the pleasure to announce its forthcoming programme, to be held on June 7, 1990, at 8.00 pm at the Sharq hall.

The programme has been designed in a most splendid manner; first part to cover, an inauguration of poetry collection 'Abr-e-nau Bahar' by Hamid Kartarpuri, followed by a mushaira of selected poets of Kuwait. The speakers on the books are Noor Parkeer, Ghulam Mustafa Baikar, Ghulam Akbar, the Musarat Jabin Zeba. The programme will be presided over by Dr Masood Alam Shams and a part of inauguration and mushaira will be presented by Dr Saleha Jawad Musa, advisor, Ministry of Education.

The second part of the programme will present musical variety, geet-o-sangeet and ghazals by most renowned artists to be followed by prizes, and many items of interest.

The entry is free to all PAC's members and registered families as well as all Pakistani families but an admission card must be obtained well before the programme. Each card bears a serial number, and has to be retained till the end of the announcement of the valuable prize.

For further information, please contact Hamid Mahmood Tel. 4716258, Salman Shah 4769520 and M. K. Kidwai 4312016.

## Contact

THE last meeting of Contact, the Ladies Information Group, will be held on Saturday May 26, at 10 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomers particularly welcome. For more information call 4874513 or 5388105.

## SPORTS

**Windsurfing**  
ALL are welcome to the Messilah Beach Hotel open windsurfing event on Friday, May 25, 1990.

Prizes for experienced, novice and lady windsurfers. Entry fee is KD3. Maximum sail size 1D 7.5 square metres. For further information please call 5624111 ext. 739.

**Tamil drama**  
IAC presents a hilarious Tamil comedy by 'Enthusiasts' after their last year's roaring success of Unmaiye

**Umm Vilal Enna.** Programme is at IAC hall on May 25, 1990 at 7.00 pm.

For entry passes contact 3904817, 5616930, 4894874 and 3903879.

**Kuwait Nomads RFC**

KUWAIT Nomads Rugby 3rd Annual Fun Run, Thursday 17th. Meet 3.15 pm at N.E.S. Any queries phone S. Hill (5391720) or G. Adams (5644533). All runners are welcome.

**United Goans Centre**

MAY 24, 1990: United Goans Centre takes pleasure to announce to all the Kiff affiliated clubs, their 12th Football League Tournament to be held during the last week of June at the Sour grounds. Draws will be held on the May 24, 1990 at 5pm sharp in the Indian Ceasars Restaurant. Contact the organisers for further details.

## HOTELS

## Meridian Kuwait

THAI CORNER: Enjoy Thai cuisine every Saturday night at La Brasserie. In addition to our daily lavish buffet our chef will prepare Thai specialties in front of you.

**COWBOY NIGHT:** Every Sunday enjoy live country music, Western decor and hearty ranch food: prime ribs, burgers, tacos and great desserts including mom's apple pie. Join us at La Brasserie for a real country hoo-down.

**CHINESE CORNER:** Enjoy Chinese cuisine every Monday night at La Brasserie. In addition to our daily lavish buffet our chef will prepare Chinese specialties in front of you.

**GREEK TAVERA:** Tuesday evening, enjoy a little Mediterranean magic, real bouzouki music and dreamy Greek island specialties and atmosphere at La Brasserie.

**INDONESIAN CORNER:** Enjoy Indonesian cuisine every Wednesday night at La Brasserie. In addition to our daily lavish buffet our chef will prepare Indonesian specialties in front of you.

**JAZZ NIGHT:** Enjoy New Orleans atmosphere with jazz and seafood specialties every Thursday in La Brasserie restaurant.

Enjoy a typical Oriental buffet lunch with Oriental organist every Friday in La Brasserie restaurant. Friday: Family day in La Brasserie.

**VERSAILLES:** Take advantage of our great value business lunch including starter,

main course, dessert and coffee. For dinner enjoy relaxing atmosphere provided by our resident artist and finest cuisine with a la carte menu featuring chef specialties as fish or beef 'fondue', grilled beef on 'brasserie', hamour and salmon on 'shingle' and many others.

**Messilah Beach Hotel**  
AL-MUBARAKIAH Restaurant: The only 24 hour restaurant/coffee shop in Kuwait. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner or any time for refreshments and snacks.

**Wednesdays** - Special seafood promotions starting 7.00pm with a selection of your favourite fish dishes prepared to your liking in the relaxed atmosphere decorated with that maritime touch and live background music.

**Fridays** - Special buffet a go go with a large variety of Middle Eastern and Continental dishes.

**BBQ every Thursday night** in Al Berdownch the beach garden restaurant offering Lebanese mezzas, grills and fresh salads.

**AL JAWHARAH** - Open every Thursday for a special evening of food, music and entertainment by the resident 'Rainbow' band.



## Mothercare renovates

Mothercare, a division of M.H. Al Shaya Co., recently moved location in Salmiya and is now conveniently situated next to BHS on Salem Al Mubarak Street. According to a spokesman for the agents, Mothercare has also taken this opportunity to refurbish the store with an all new, updated decor. Managers from the Mothercare UK, Miss Tracy Webb and Miss Yvonne Lacey visited the Kuwait store to help in overseeing the move.



## Red Door launched

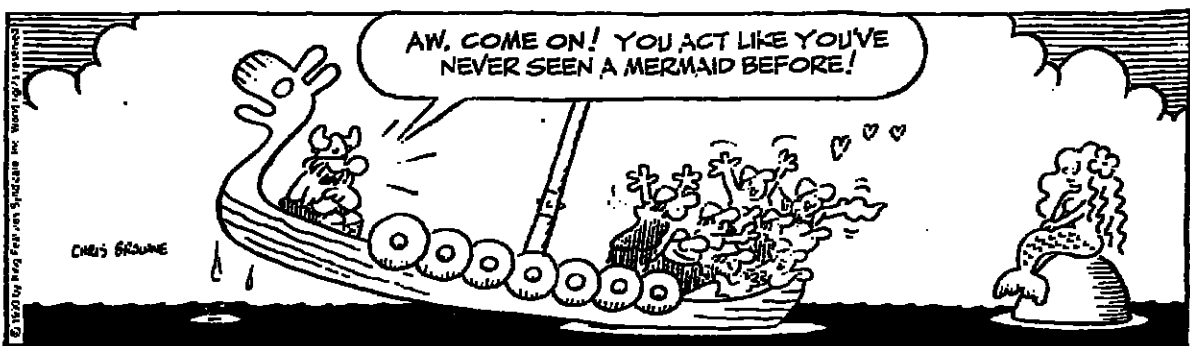
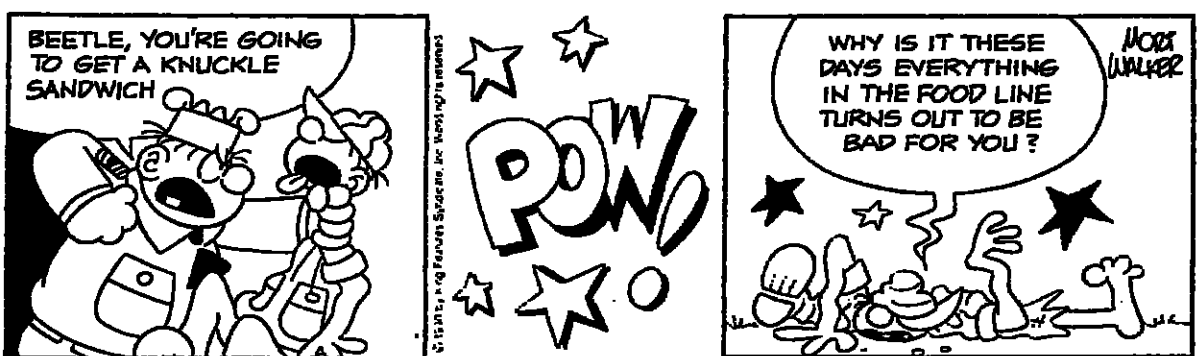
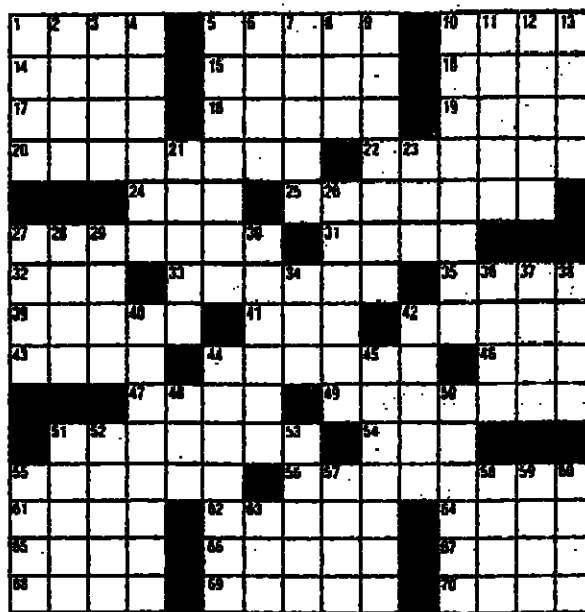
On the occasion of launching Red Door by Elizabeth Arden, W.J. Towell gave a cocktail party followed by a press conference at Kuwait International Hotel on May 4 and 5, 1990.

Tawfiq Sulian, managing director of W. J. Towell welcomed the guests. Michael Durant, area sales manager for the Middle East gave a review about Red Door, which is an exquisite combination of Oriental orchids, roses, freesia and honey.

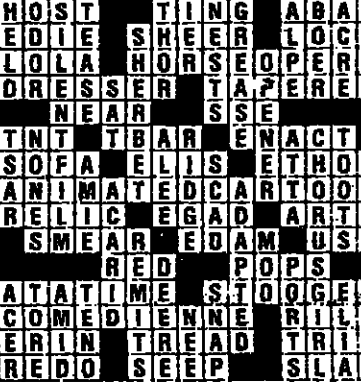
Red Door was successfully launched in the United States and France making it the latest hit in perfumes and fragrances international market.

W. J. Towell invited all businessmen and press reporters to share the launching of Red Door in Kuwait's market.



**BLONDIE** — By Dean Young & Stan Drake**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** — By Dik Browne**AGATHA CRUMM** — By Bill Hoest**BEETLE BAILEY** — By Mort Walker**THE WIZARD OF ID** — By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart**ANDY CAPP****B.C.** — By Johnny Hart**HE-MAN** — By G. Fortin & J. Shull**TODAY'S CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- Boast
  - Less dangerous
  - Iron
  - Family man
  - Penned
  - "Believe — Not"
  - Pizza maker
  - Rowed
  - Agatha Christie's "Death on the —"
  - Monotonous cadence
  - Obtuse and acute
  - "The Raven" monogram
  - Flees
  - Did sentry duty
  - Actor Kruger
  - Relative
  - Dialects
  - Poet Ogden
  - Tend the fire
  - One way to go: Abbr.
  - Arctic abode
  - Southwestern tribesman
  - Commences
  - Martinique, e.g.
  - Alaskan metropolis
  - Pious
  - Humiliate
  - Numero —
  - Kind of pitch
  - Bell sound
  - Dorothy's pet
  - Corrupt
  - Sketch
  - Arabian gull
  - 66 — nous
  - Or —!
  - Gertrude who played Molly
  - Levelled a row of flats
  - Actress Cannon
- DOWN**
- USN personnel
  - Musical
  - Ready for business
  - Producer
  - Walter of Hollywood
  - Descended like an eagle
  - "Man of —"
  - Flaherty film
  - Smithy
  - San Tropez summer
  - See 58 Down
  - Table game
  - Practical
  - Burrows
  - CEO, usually
  - Maugham's
  - Miss Thompson
  - King Cole
  - TV sheriff
  - Suzanne —
  - Cut
  - "A Lamp — My Feet"
  - At the summit
  - Counted
  - Three — match
  - Landed
  - Dover delicacy
  - Weeded
  - Empire State Building climber
  - "Of Thee —"
  - Brighter
  - Made fun of
  - Mine find
  - Dozed
  - Electron tube
  - Make an appearance
  - Works in publishing
  - Makes a — try
  - Concerning
  - Airport near Paris
  - Space nrg.
  - Stage star
  - Verdon
  - Literary selections

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE****GOREN BRIDGE**

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

**PENNY WISE, POUND FOOLISH**

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**

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♦ J

♣ 10 8 5 3

**WEST**

♠ Q 5

♥ 8 6 3

♦ Q 7 5 3 2

♣ 9 7 4

**EAST**

♠ 9

♥ A K J 4

♦ A 10 9 6 4

♣ A Q J

**SOUTH**

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The bidding:

South West North East

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Pass Pass Pass

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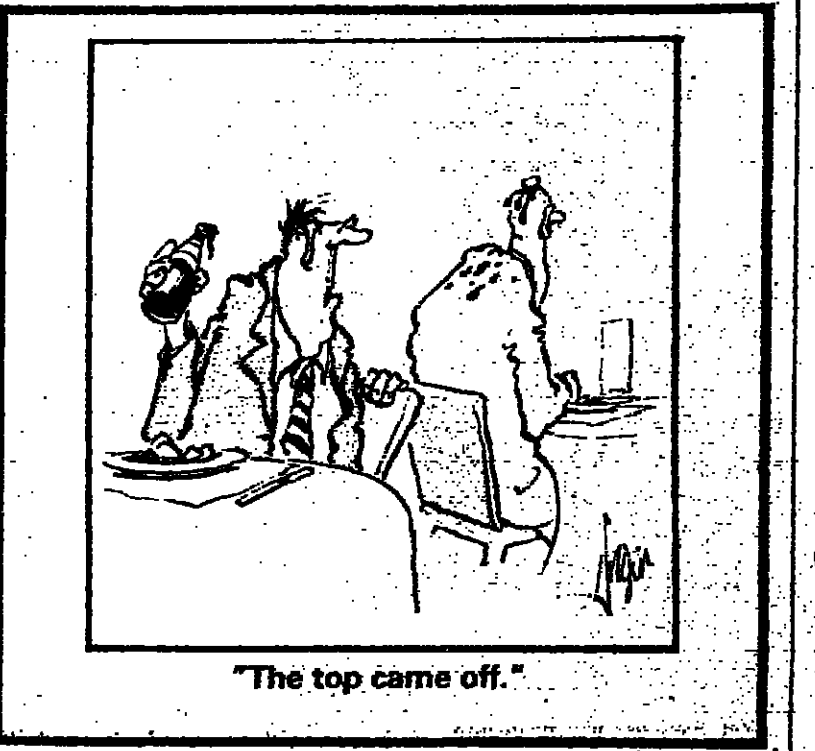
The natural instinct of most players is to preserve high cards and trumps. In most circumstances, that is laudatory. But once in a while profligacy has its rewards.

Our strong preference is for a one-spade opening bid with the South hand. When you hold the master suit and a hand where a well-placed ace and queen could produce slam, we see no need for preemptive action. However, since North was virtually broke, South almost

scored a major coup when West decided to try to beat four spades rather than risk a catastrophe at five diamonds.

West led a diamond to East's ace, and a trump was returned in case declarer needed to ruff diamond losers. In an attempt to induce the defenders to give up one of their club winners, declarer drew the outstanding trump and then ran four more rounds of spades. However, East parted with nothing but red cards. Eventually declarer was forced to hope that one of the defenders held a doubleron ace of clubs, and led a low club from hand. South ruffed the heart, return and tried another club, and was forced to concede down one when the ace did not appear.

Declarer overlooked the power of dummy's trumps. After winning the trump return in hand, declarer should have crossed to the table by ruffing his good king of diamonds! A club toward the king would then have assured the contract. The most the defenders could collect would be two club tricks and a diamond. Note that five diamonds would have been a cheap sacrifice, since East-West would lose only a trick in each suit except for hearts.

**YOUR STARS**

You will be able to make the most of an interesting new development. You are liable to take too much for granted. You should not entirely neglect a personal project, but do not let it outrun your commitments. Be considerate.



You will be able to do something to reassure others and you should do so. Take good care of your health without becoming too preoccupied with it. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 24. You should try to avoid allowing your mind to wander. Be helpful.



There will be a lot to do but just get on with it. Do not allow yourself to be intimidated by the prospect. You will tire quite easily so do what has to be done first. Avoid allowing your resentments getting the better of you. Be tactful.



You should not allow your mind to be "poisoned" by negative thoughts. Nor should you think too much about what has already happened and can no longer be changed. Do not spend more than a certain time on a hobby. Be objective.



You will tend to be a little more listless and should therefore use a little more will power. Take extra care to avoid making mistakes. Do not leave your partner in any doubt about your love and affection. Be more cautious.



Whilst not all things are in your favor you will be able to adjust yourself to the way things are. You should try to avoid getting into any kind of argument. Make sure you do not break a promise you have made. Be reliable.



You should not allow yourself to forget something you have learnt but are not currently using. There is no reason to become discouraged nor to lose faith in yourself. Do not expect others to be at your bid and call. Be moderate.



You will seem to have made no progress, but on reflection you will realize that is not quite the case. Even if something you are learning is proceeding more slowly than you would have wished do persevere. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be sincere.



Make sure you do not eat anything stale or putrid and eat sweet things only in moderation. Show just a little more goodwill towards others and do not wait for them to make the first move. Avoid leading a too sedentary life. Be resolute.



You will be tempted to spend more than you can really afford, don't. If you expect others to behave exactly as you would wish them to you will be disappointed. Remember, avoiding mistakes is better than having to correct them. Be sensible.



Unless you have all the money in the world you too need to be more sparing with your expenses. You should make sure you do not spend too much time and effort with secondary matters. Show just a little more kindness. Be realistic.



A new idea could well work but first of all discuss it with someone close to you. Do not make out you are wealthier than you really are or try to keep up with those who have more than you. No harm in a little more optimism. Be malleable.





# When Hollywood stars insist on exotic perks...



Elizabeth Taylor likes her dressing rooms to be painted violet — the colour of her eyes.

## People

### Roger Rabbit's alter ego is hyper hopper

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD. (UPI): If you think Roger Rabbit is a hyper hopper, you should meet his alter ego, Charles Fleischer.

Fleischer is the voice of the rapid-fire animated Bunny with enough energy to light the Las Vegas strip for a week. But as an actor, he doesn't want to become too closely associated with the rabbit for fear it will lead to an unseen career like that of the late, great Mel Blanc.

Yet Fleischer will drop into Roger's voice with little provocation. He also provides Roger's chatterbox verbiage in commercials and at Disney parks in California and Florida.

Ask him if he enjoys providing the harried hare's harmonics and Fleischer's right cheek begins to flutter and flap as he cries *pull-leeeeze* in the rabbit's signature plea.

Fleischer is a merry grig of a man with fox eyes full of mischief and a brilliant mathematical mind. He's an accomplished keyboard player equipped with an analytic comedic mind and a wide repertoire of dialects.

In addition to *Who Killed Roger Rabbit*, Fleischer has made two short subjects of the cartoon character, *Tummy Trouble*, already released and *Roller Coaster Rabbit*.

"I am very proud of the fact that *Roller Coaster Rabbit* will play on the same bill this summer with *Dick Tracy*, in which I play a cameo role," he said. "How about that? I'll be the only actor who appears in a double bill this year — once in a cartoon and once in live action."

"As far as I know Roger is the only theatrical cartoon around. That's because he's a star and will bring people into theatres. No

other cartoon character can do that today."

"May be it's been 30 years since a new cartoon character movie star has come along in a feature film," he said. "There was Snow White, but she never worked again."

"Because I don't look or sound like Roger, I consider playing him a side job. I do other things like stand-up comedy and straight acting, but so far in minor roles."

Fleischer said he isn't interested in doing the voices of other animated characters for such outfits as Hanna-Barbera of Disney, although he will welcome the opportunity to give Roger a voice in a sequel, which is sure to come.

"Playing Roger was an acting job," he said. "I was playing a character. It was more difficult because I couldn't rely on my physical self. It's a Zen-like way to be an actor because there was no ego involved. No one cared how I looked."

"I got into a Roger costume every day to give the live actors the advantage of having something to work to even though they were looking at blank spaces where the cartoonists would later draw in Roger."

"It's different doing short subjects. I just go into a dark studio and read the lines into a microphone. I have to kick my imagination into gear to inspire the animators who will do the drawing."

"I had to fit my voice to the logistics of the cartoon — a three-foot rabbit. It has a Bronx attitude, which many cartoon characters have."

His role as Roger has led to straight acting jobs in *Back To The Future II* and *Dick Tracy*.

IT'S not only how mega the bucks are going to be that holds up Hollywood wheeling and dealing these days. Stars often refuse to sign on the dotted line until they are sure they will be getting the perks to which they believe their status entitles them.

These can range from an ample supply of fresh air, to a set of stained glass windows or even a tame doctor in the house. And movie bosses are not allowed to sniff at demands for undercover supplies of drugs.

Film boss Peter Bogdanovich is currently suffering from a bad case of demanding overkill. It comes from his old flame Cybill Shepherd, currently shooting the movie *Texasville*.

But Cybill is not the only star to keep up the golden Hollywood tradition of making her days with a few choice extras.

The illustrious list reads like a who's who of Tinseltown: Joan Collins, Don Johnson, the Rolling Stones, Frank Sinatra, Larry Hagman, Barbara Streisand, Barry Manilow, Katherine Hepburn, Elizabeth Taylor, Eddie Murphy, Robert Mitchum, Prince, Debbie Gibson, Sinitta, and Michael Jackson.

They would all be impressed by the extravagant current demands of former moonlighting star Cybill. She has asked for a trailer with adult sleeping accommodation and another for her toddler twins Ariel and Zach and their nanny. The shooting schedule must include time for her to play with her children each day.

And the 38-year-old beauty, whose body recovered its stunning shape in record time after she gave birth, has even insisted on the services of a chef, qualified in nutrition.

Cybill is bringing up her children to think rich, too. Not for them a more silver spoon apiece. She fed them their first solid foods from two gold spoons and then had these mounted in glass cases to treasure forever.

This must all be hard for Peter Bogdanovich to take... even if the couple's friendship does go back a long way. It was Peter who put ex-model Cybill in her first major movie, *The Last Picture Show*. Soon, her career was thriving and so was their affair. He left Polly Platt, his wife of nine years, to live with Cybill.

Their next two films together, *Daisy Miller* and *At Long Last Love*, were panned by the critics and the couple's romance fell



Wacky singer Michael Jackson.

When stars like Cybill Shepherd, Elizabeth Taylor and the Rolling Stones negotiate a contract they demand perks; Cybill's include a trailer for her twins and a chef, Liz wants everything coloured to match her eyes and the Stones megastar demands a doctor and a constant supply of Alka Seltzer.



Glamorous soap star Joan Collins.

apart after eight years. They remained very good pals. Up until now, that is...

Singer actress Barbara Streisand also did the business when she was making her third film, *On A Day You Can See Forever*.

The star, who once earned £3 a night and now makes films only if there are six noughts on the end of the fee, seized her chance when the movie ran into extra time. The makers said they did not want to pay extra money.

Producer Howard Koch said later: "Barbara wanted a trailer we owned, all the furniture, all the clothes she wore in the film, and some stained glass windows." She got them.

Elizabeth Taylor likes her dressing-rooms to be painted violet, the colour of her celebrated eyes. And she asks for her accommodation to be filled

with vases of lavender roses. But the movie bosses needn't hunt for a rare lavender coloured lavatory seat.

According to Elizabeth's son, Michael Wilding Jr, she never uses the toilet seats provided in theatres or luxury hotels — let alone public ones. The superstar prefers to bring her own.

No-nonsense Katherine Hepburn makes a modest — if old-fashioned — condition when she works. All she asks is that her dressing-rooms have windows that actually open, so that she can enjoy some fresh air.

Singer Barry Manilow's demand borders on the superstitious. His requirement, written into every contract, is that no-one must walk in front of him from the moment he enters his dressing room until he goes on stage.

The Rolling Stones think bigger. Their list of requests for a single concert ran to three pages of closely-typed details. These include roast turkey with chestnut stuffing for dinner, and for a supply of fresh salmon, fruit and cheese.

To wash all this down the aging rockers demand bourbon whiskey, Scotch whisky, white wine, champagne, tequila, brandy, vodka, and apple and orange juice.

They also have it in their contracts that there must be a doctor in the house. Plus one large packet of Alka Seltzer.

Car-mad Eddie Murphy wanted to get maximum impact from the two stretched limos he hired to take him to and from personal appearances.

So, to make sure he was noticed, he had it a condition that



Robert Mitchum: rest is best.

the hire firm should fit the personalised numberplate "Tough One" on to the car in which he was due to ride.

Sexy singer Whitney Houston modestly asks for a fridge in her dressing-room, so that she can have a dorp of chilled white wine to set her up before she goes on stage. All warbler Debbie Gibson requires to keep her in harmony is an endless supply of ice cream and Cola.

Sultry singer Sinitta has a more exotic thirst. For just a 30-minute concert, she has to have brandy, Southern Comfort, red and white wine and champagne standing by.

Wacky Michael Jackson must have French mineral water. This is no problem in Europe but can be tricky when he is working in the United States.

He must also have a supply of fresh tomatoes in his dressing-room. If he munches one before he goes on stage it opens up his vocal chords, he says.

Frank Sinatra is into nourishment. At Las Vegas his fee used to be £175,000 a week, plus all the soup he could drink. And not just any soup. It had to be Campbell's chicken and rice every time.

There was more: He expected to find chocolates and four brands of cigarette — Camel, Lucky Strike, True Blue and Vantage — in his dressing-room, too.

Diminutive singer Prince stokes up on dressing-room stores of yoghurt and fresh orange juice. He believes these give him extra energy for his raunchy stage act.

George Michael thinks bigger. When he went on tour last year the hotels he stayed in had to measure up to a list of requirements that included an en suite sunbed, a sauna and a swimming pool. And our George insists on having a nice view from his window.

Dynasty's Joan Collins is a big enough star to be able to name her price and her perks. Advertisers cannot do enough for her.

One gave Joan a £17,000 fur coat, just because she agreed to model it. Another let her take home an £8,000 necklace after a visit to a jewellery store. These were regarded as little extras on top of her fee.

A third firm gave La Collins two cars worth £50,000 to show their appreciation for waving at crowds from a car showroom.

Then Joan got £4,500 more for all her hard work drawing out the prize-winning ticket in a lottery.

When TV's cops-and-robbers series *Miami Vice* took its final curtain, it was not only £45,000 an episode to which Don Johnson was saying "goodbye." For he had negotiated the right to use the show's speedboat whenever he wanted it. And the same went for £163,000's worth of motor home.

Larry Hagman, a former 40-a-day smoker negotiated a "no-smoking" ban on the set of the TV soap *Dallas*. Then he did a deal for a share of the shows merchandising profits on top of earning an estimated £50,000 for each episode.

This package made him the highest paid actor in the history of soaps.

The following year, Larry really struck oil. Just as he was saying he was ready to retire at 57, the bosses upped his offer to £85,000 an episode, plus £20,000 for a newly created role of executive producer.

On top of which, there would be a bonus of £11,000 for every episode Larry directed.

The actor laid down a firm rule for his part in the series. He is so anti-drugs that he refused to let his character, the evil J.R., have anything to do with them, either.

This aversion to drugs is not a universal attitude in Tinseltown. Probably the most frequent on-set perk is the one no-one talks about — a copious supply of drugs. Some stars even take a large percentage of their pay in cocaine.

Ex-actor Ronald Reagan was so concerned about this during his White House years that he made an appeal to former colleagues to wise up and give up.



Cybill Shepherd: chef demand.

## Cookery Corner

### Pear and apricot pie

3 cups all-purpose flour salt  
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons shortening or butter-flavour shortening  
10 medium-sized pears (about 5 pounds)  
1 8-ounce package dried apricots  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup cornstarch  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 tablespoon milk  
1 tablespoon sugar

About 3 hours before serving or early in day:

1. In large bowl, stir flour and 1-1/2 teaspoons salt. With pastry blender or two knives used scissor-fashion, cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

2. Sprinkle 6 to 7 tablespoons cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time, into mixture, mixing lightly with a fork after each addition until pastry is just moist enough to hold together. Shape pastry into a ball; wrap with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

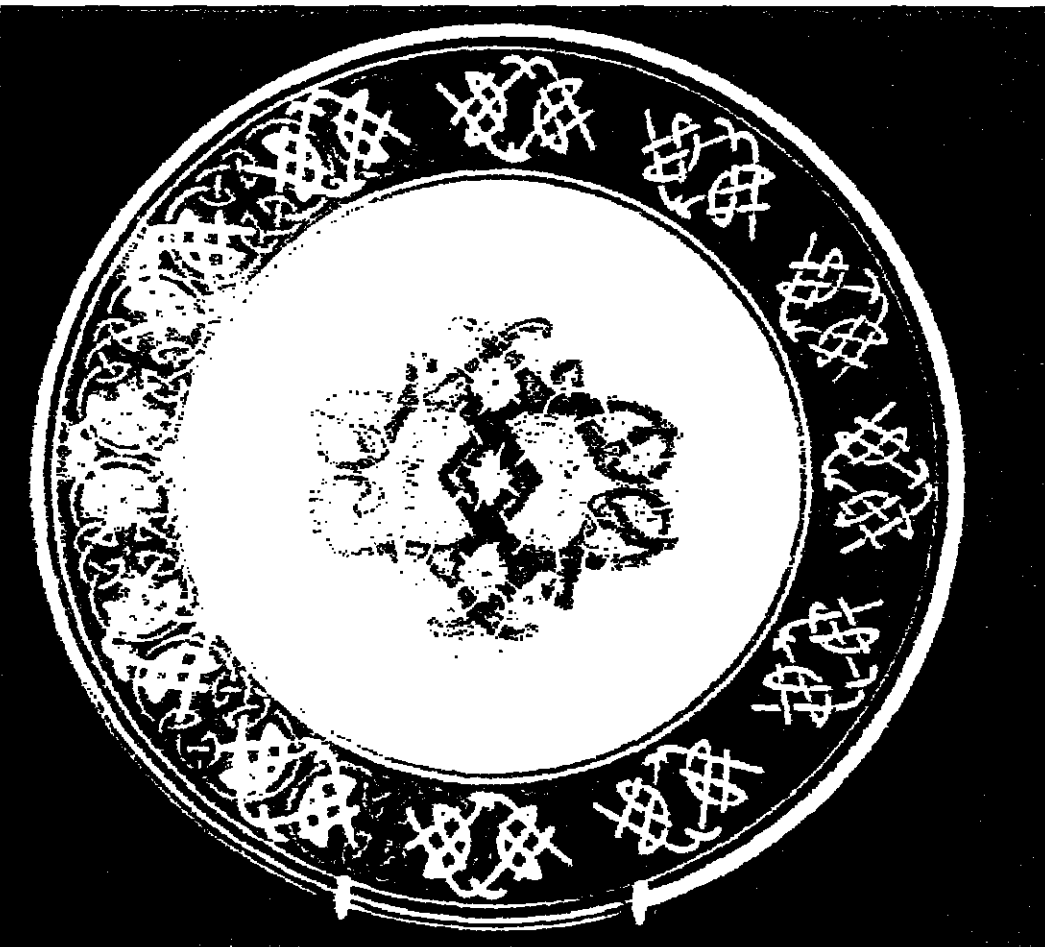
3. Peel and cut each pear in half. Cut out core; then cut each half lengthwise into 4 slices. In large bowl, toss pears, apricots, brown sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, and 1/2 teaspoon salt.

4. Preheat oven to 425°F. On lightly floured surface, roll two-thirds of pastry into a rectangle 3 inches larger all around than 13" by 9" baking dish; use to line baking dish. Spoon pear filling into pastry-lined dish.

5. Trim pastry, leaving 1-1/2-inch overhang. Roll remaining pastry into 14" by 7" rectangle; cut lengthwise into 14 strips. Moisten edge of bottom crust with water. Place 7 pastry strips about 1/2 inch apart diagonally across pie. Fold every other strip back halfway. Place centre cross strip on pie and replace folded parts of strips. Now fold back alternate strips; place second cross strip in place. Repeat to weave cross strips into lattice.

Seal ends; turn overhang up over ends of strips; pinch to seal and make high stand-up edge that will hold juices in. Bake. Brush pastry with milk; sprinkle with sugar.

6. Bake pie 30 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Cover loosely with foil; bake 45 minutes longer or until pears are tender. Cool pie on wire rack. Makes 12 servings. About 495 calories per serving.



## Images of inspiration

The beautiful and intricate designs from 5th-8th century Celtic manuscripts such as the Lindisfarne Gospels and the Book of Kells have inspired a number of modern designs on limited-edition bone china and porcelain from a British company.

"Images of Inspiration" from Nexus Design incorporate hand-drawn designs by artist Anne Bowyer who, with her husband Philip, has set up the company.

Although the inspirations for the designs are ancient Celtic, Anne Bowyer stresses that the designs used in the pottery are adaptations and originals rather than just slavish copies of the sources. One particular feature taken from the old designs is the Celtic knot, an interlocking but continuous loop.

Plates are produced in limited editions of 5000, each signed and numbered by the artist. The company expects that, in addition to the collector, the plates will appeal to 'lovers' from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Celtic fringes of England.

In addition to the bone-china plates, the company incorporates similar designs into drinking mugs and some printed stationery and greetings cards.

## Travel

### Rugged island caters to independent visitor

By Tim Pearce

TORSHAVN, Faroe Islands. (Reuters): Far from the sun-drenched haunts of the package tourist, these 18 rugged islands in the North Atlantic cater to the more independent visitor, and that's how the Faroese want to keep it.

There are 47,000 Faroese, and a busy year brings almost as many tourists, most of them during the short June-August season when the days are long and millions of migratory birds screech and swoop round their nests high on the towering cliffs.

"The Faroese don't want a dramatic explosion in tourism," Tourist Board director Jakup Veyhe told Reuters. "They've travelled a lot and they're scared by the mass tourism they've seen in areas such as the Mediterranean."

Descended from Vikings who drove out or killed the Irish monks they found here in the eighth century, the Faroese have traded their ancestors' reputation for rape and pillage for the security of the Scandinavian welfare state.

But excessive investment in fishing boats, social services and costly roads and tunnels have plunged the islanders, who have home rule under the Danish crown, into economic crisis.

Almost all the Faroese export earnings come from fish, and tourism is one of the few alter-

native sources of foreign currency.

Prime Minister Jogvan Sundstein thinks tourism can help solve the islands' problems. "But facilities are limited," he said. "We don't want to go too fast, and 50,000 tourists in our short season is perhaps enough."

Torshavn has two international hotels with about 160 rooms. Small hotels, youth hostels, camp sites and rooms in private homes are scattered around the volcanic islands.

"But we only recommend camping for experienced visitors," says Veyhe, a reference to the Atlantic gales and driving rain that attack the stark landscape with little warning.

One advertisement for the Faroese is the island's Philatelic Bureau, which has since 1976 issued some 200 stamps featuring local themes, the high quality of which has made them a hit with collectors round the world.

"We have 70,000 subscribers who regularly buy our issues," said Edvard Jonsson, the bureau's production and development head. "Stamp sales are the Faroese's second biggest export earner," with a new profit of 12 million crowns (nearly \$2 million) last year.

Jonsson says the stamps, focussing on all aspects of local life and history, bring thousands of letters a year from collectors wanting to know more about the

islands they describe.

Dramatic landscapes, Viking handicrafts, the traditional chieftain and the turf-roofed prime minister's office have all travelled the world on local stamps.

A holiday in the Faroes is not a casual venture. A 96-year-old law bans the sale or consumption of alcohol in shops, restaurants or hotels — except in private rooms.

Visitors must rely on their duty-free allowance, befriend a Faroese or order their drink well in advance from the local brewery. Faroese have a quarterly import allowance, and many join one of the clubs which import and store their rations.

Local delicacies include whale and puffin, though supplies of both vary considerably and are seldom found on restaurant menus.

The whale hunt, an ancient tradition, is limited to the pilot whale, a small but tasty species so plentiful that the international whaling commission says it needs no protection.

Schools of whales sighted near land are driven ashore and slaughtered with special knives and the meat divided among the hunters.

"I was called in to divide up the meat and blubber after a killing at the weekend," one businessman said at a recent lunch.



# The ice skating match

By Julie Hodgson

ALL the boys lined up for their turns to race, on the ice rink. Gerard blew warm air into his hands to keep them warm, he would be glad to start so he could keep warm at least.

"Ah at last," Gerard said, when he heard his name being called for the next race. Gerard was a very good ice-skater and had been skating for years, his parents were very proud of him. He got in position and waited for the coach to sound the whistle.

And they were off, Gerard and a boy from the opposite team, racing round the rink, they had

to go around five times without knocking your opponent or falling over. And just to make it more difficult there was a wooden block that they had to circle around when they got to the corner.

Gerard was skating really fast and was ahead of his opponent, he literally flew around the wooden block and only just got around it, his hair was flying all over his face, in the wind he had created by the sheer speed he was doing. His opponent had still not caught up with him, as Gerard was one full lap away, he was sure he could win now.

The coach spoke over the microphone.

"One more lap to go for Gerard, and two more for Tariq."

Again the announcer said "Gerard is the winner, ladies and gentlemen, give him a round of applause."

Every one clapped, his parents were in the audience and felt very proud of him. Gerard was presented with 50KD for first prize, he was over the moon. He was glad he had practised every Friday, for it had paid off. He told his friends at school that he had won the race, they were all glad that he had beaten the team, as no one had beaten them before. Gerard had been the first one to beat them, and of that he was proud.



## Wordsearch

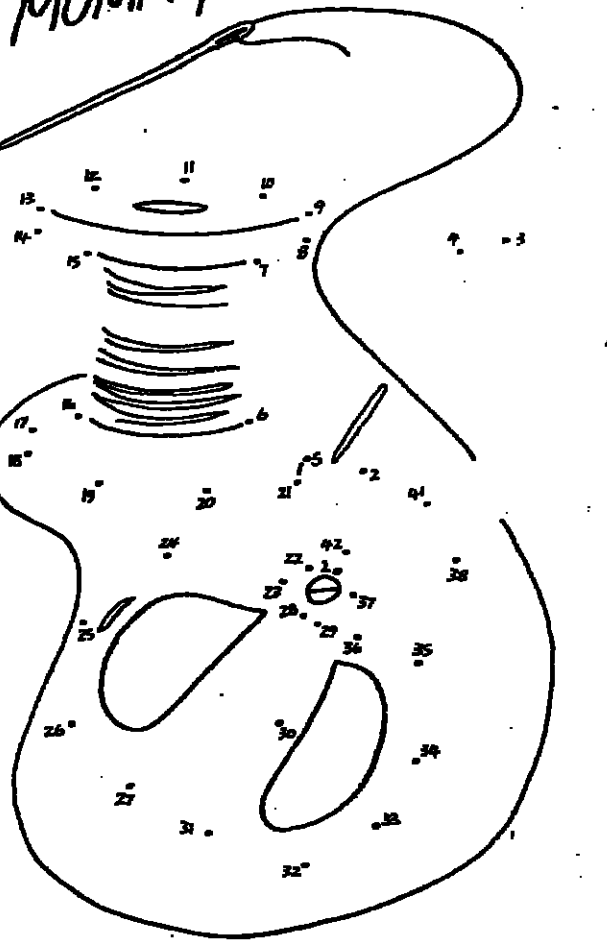
### TRIP TO HAWAII

Hawaii is one of our most beautiful states. The scenery is majestic and the people warm and friendly. Come along for a trip you'll never forget.

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## MUMMY'S. Dot-to-dot



Dear Junior readers,

Children in many parts of the world grow up chanting hundreds of jingles, verses, and rhymes which their great-great-grandparents chanted before them. For though the expression "nursery rhyme" was first used in 1824, such rhymes have existed for hundreds of years.

Nursery rhymes have a great variety of origins. Many of them have grown out of festivals, ceremonies, and rites used hundreds of years ago in Europe. Some have been made to explain the wonders of the world. Some repeat old charms for controlling rains, storms, droughts, and floods.

"London Bridge is Falling Down" is said to date back to ancient days. Prayer rhymes, such as "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, bless the bed that I lie on," repeat ancient rites.

Rhymes may come from games centuries old.

"Knick Knack Paddy Whack, give a dog a bone" comes from a game of knuckle-bones which started in Japan. It travelled to Rome and was carried to England and Europe by conquering Roman soldiers.

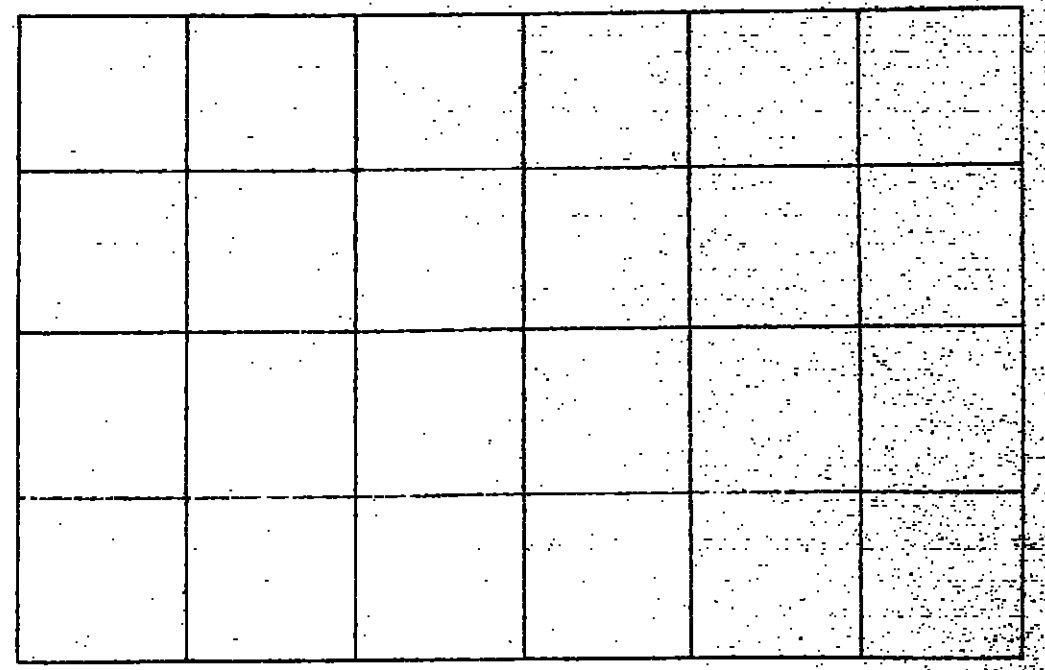
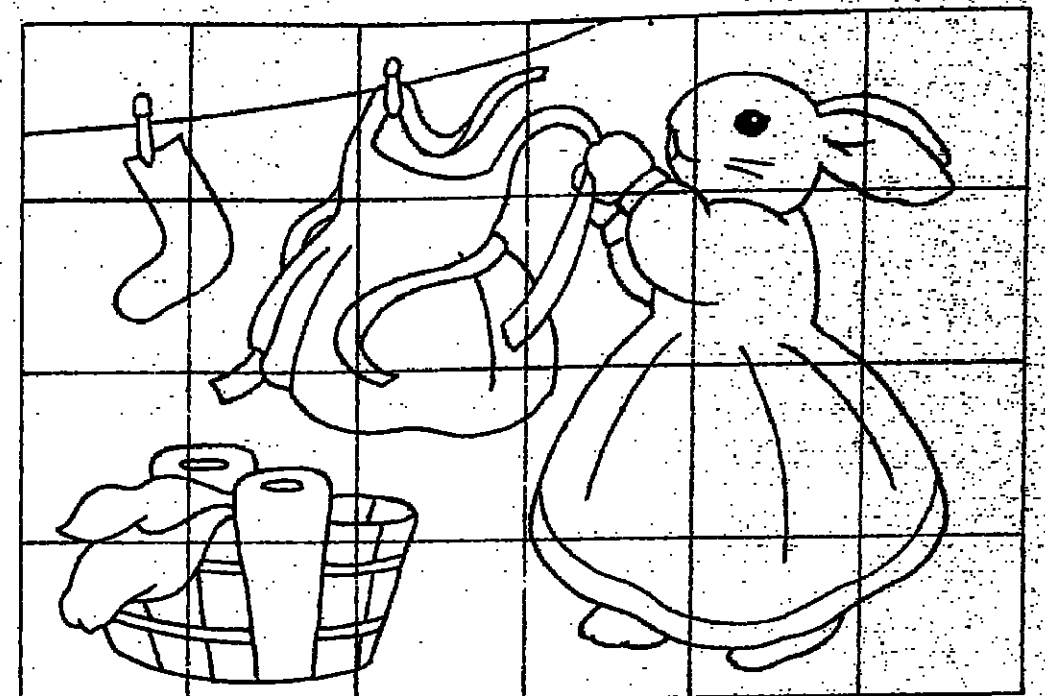
Rhymes sometimes come from street cries of peddlers who called out their service in rhymes. "Hot pease, hot, hot, hot" was such a street cry. Rhymed stories and songs were printed on long sheets of paper and sold for a penny. "Three Blind Mice" was printed in 1609 and sold in this way.

Some rhymes were learned from travelling actors who gave plays in the streets. Schoolboy actors used the verse "Thirty days hath September" as far back as 1602! About half of the 800 rhymes commonly used today are 200 or more years old.

Manal

## Copycat

Copy the picture on to the empty squares, then colour it in.

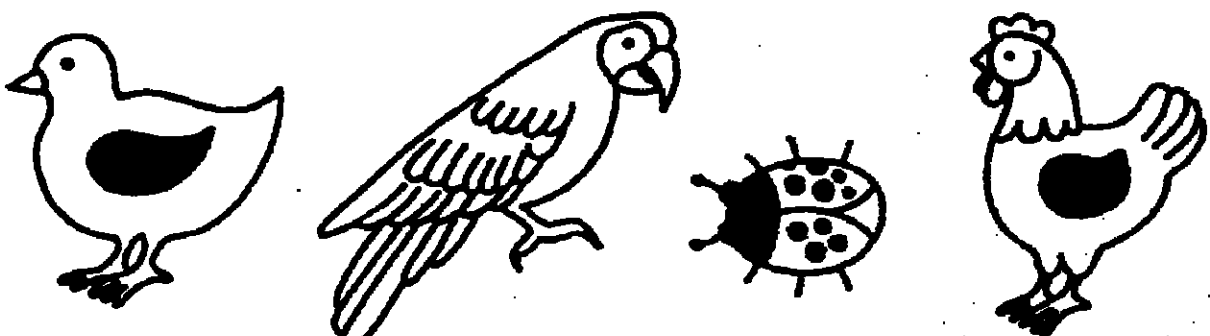
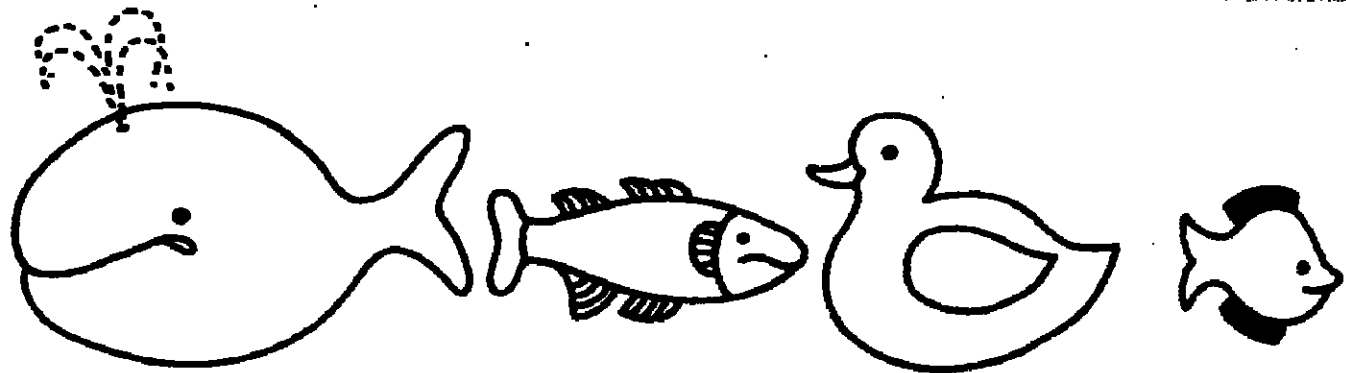
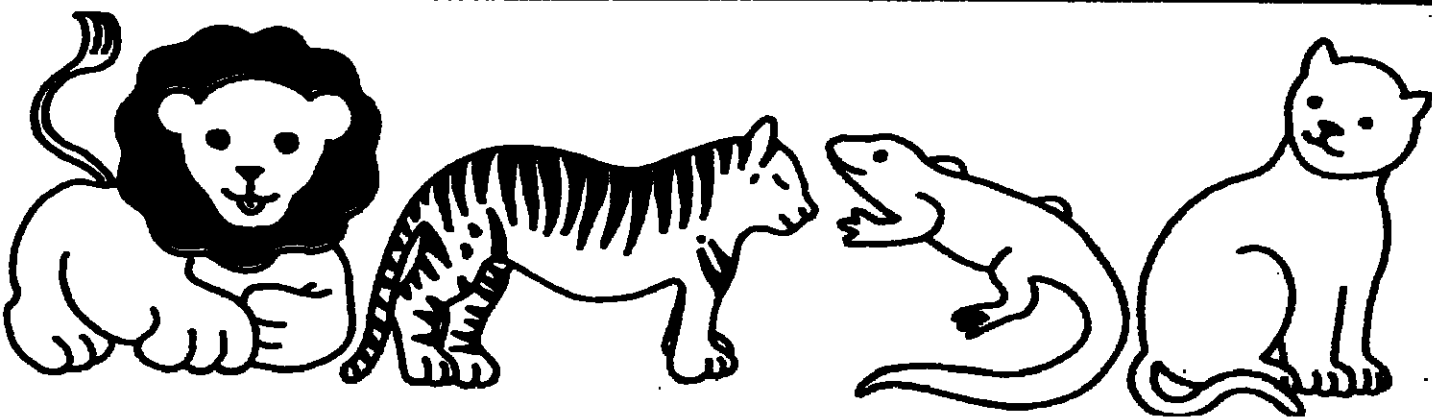
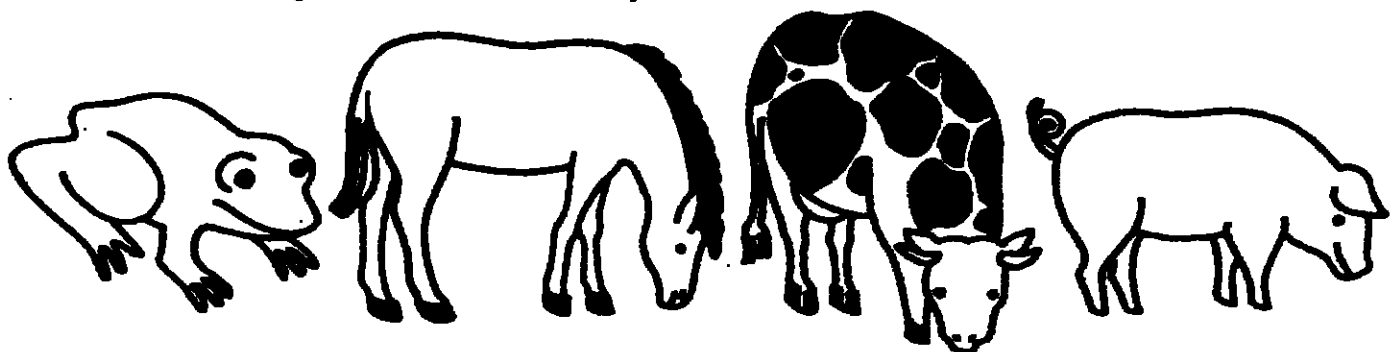


## DEERLY BELOVED...



## Animal families

Look carefully at the drawings. In each group colour the animal which does not belong with that family.



## Yum Yum!

### Meatballs in oxtail soup

#### INGREDIENTS

400g (16 oz) minced beef  
1 small onion  
1 tablespoonful raisins or sultanas  
Pinch of salt and pepper  
1 medium can of oxtail soup

#### EQUIPMENT

Ovenproof casserole  
Mixing bowl  
Sharp knife  
Plate  
Fork  
Tablespoon  
Can opener



1. Put oven on at Gas Mark 4 (electricity 350°F/180°C).
2. Chop onion with a sharp knife.
3. Place chopped onion in mixing bowl, add meat, sultanas or raisins and salt and pepper. Mix well together using a fork.
4. Shape into 8 balls (using your hands); put them in the bottom of a casserole.
5. Pour the soup over the meatballs.
6. Place lid on casserole. Cook in centre of oven for 1 1/2 hours.
7. Serve with potatoes and a green vegetable such as peas.

## Did you know?

The leopard first got its name from the medieval belief that it was a cross between a lion (leo in Greek) and white panther which they called a pard.

## Amazing facts

In 1958 Joy Foster became the table tennis singles and mixed-doubles champion of Jamaica when she was eight.

A mole can dig a tunnel 100 yards long in a single night.

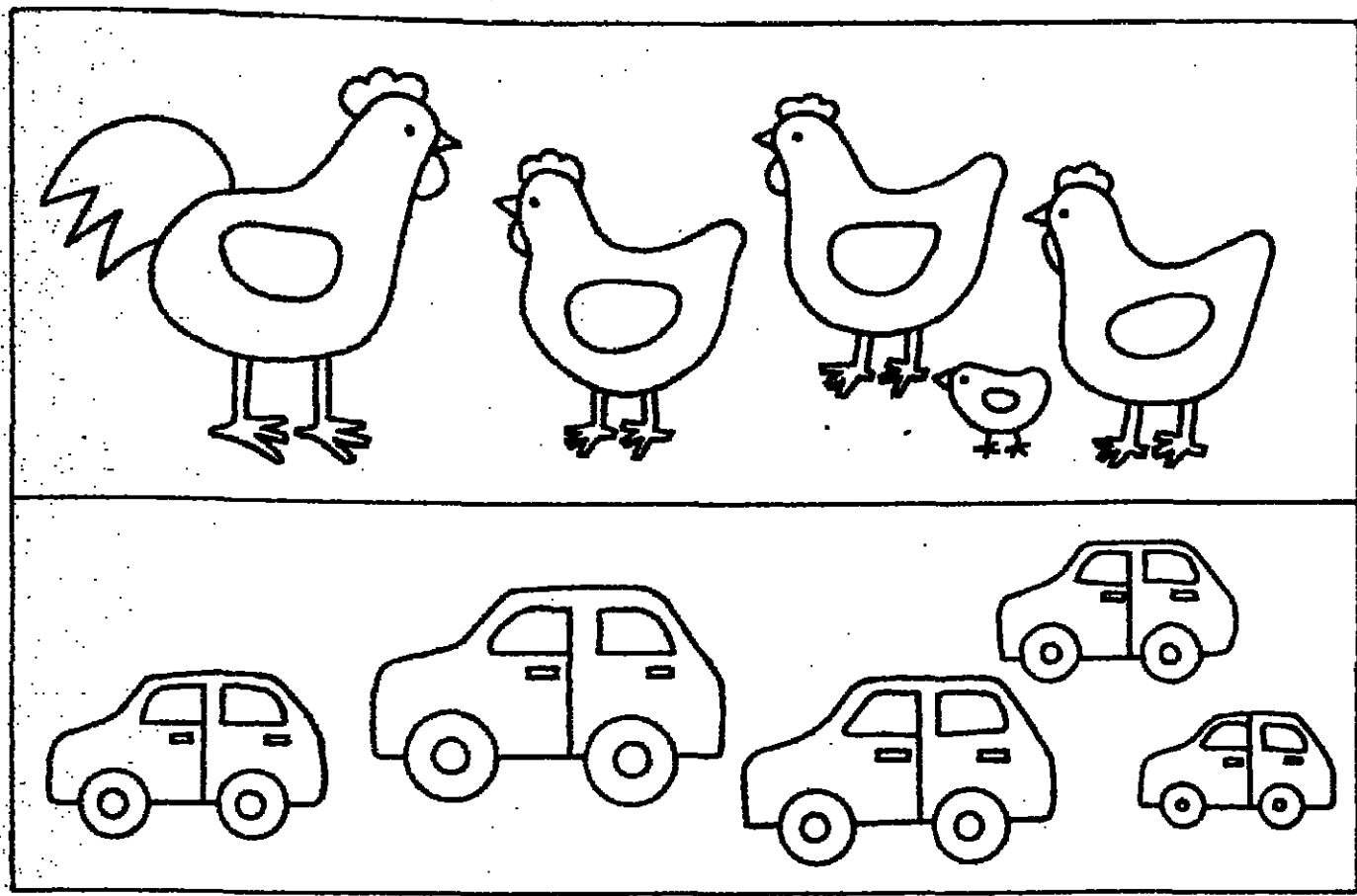
Rasputin 'the mad monk' was finally drowned after he had survived frequent attempts to poison him. To make sure he was dead he was also beaten with an iron bar and shot twice.

Water is still brought to the town of Segovia in Spain by an aqueduct built in A.D. 110 by the Romans.



## Big and small

Colour the **biggest** and the **smallest**.



## Just for laughs!

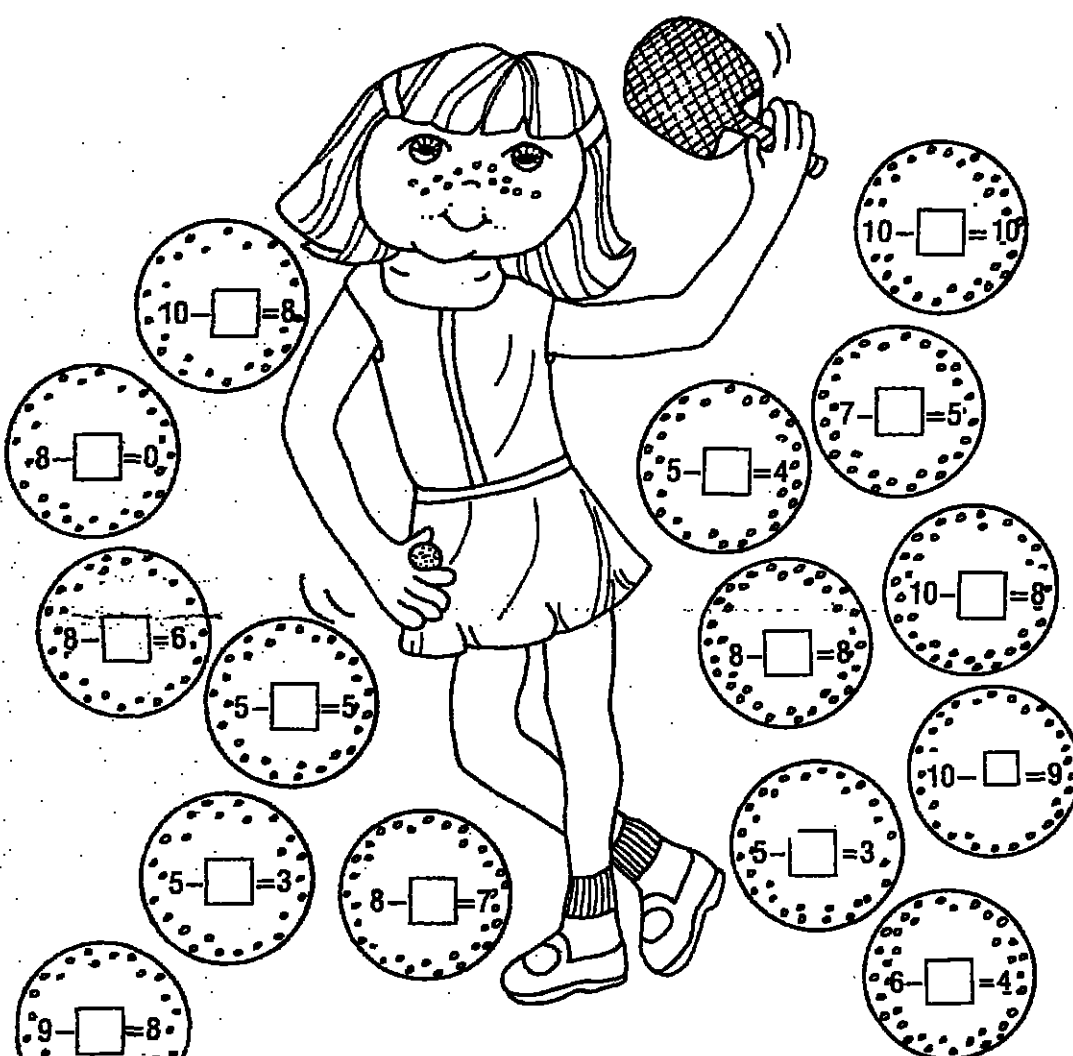
Russell couldn't swim, yet when he fell into the river and was floundering around desperately, what did his callous friend say from the safety of the bank? "Russell - if you don't come up for the third time, can I have your sheath knife?"

Susannah was watching her big sister covering her face with cream. "What's that for?" she asked. "To make me beautiful," came the reply. Susannah watched in silence as her sister then wiped her face clean. "Doesn't work, does it?" was the moppet's comment.

Harold's big sister was almost in tears over her cooking. "I don't know what to do," she moaned, looking at yet another unsuccessful batch of cakes. "What can I do to make my cakes light?" "I tell you what, Sis," said Harold helpfully, "why not soak them in paraffin!"

Brother: "You've just backed the car over my bike!" Sister: "Serve you right. You shouldn't leave it in the hall."

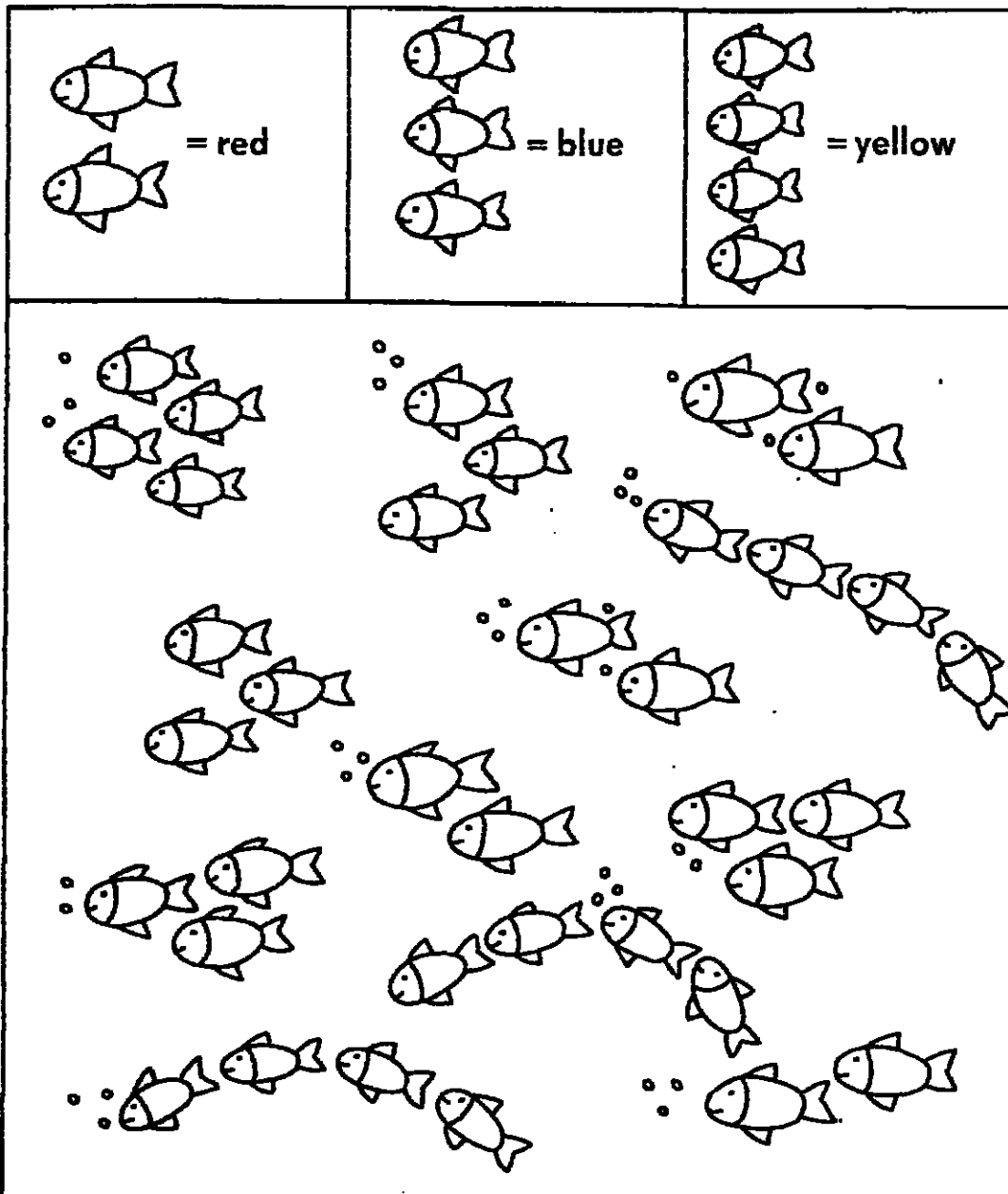
## Ping-Pong Cross-Out



Do the problems. If the missing addend is 0, cross it out with a blue "X"; if the missing addend is 1, cross it out with a green "X"; if the missing addend is a 2, cross it out with a red "X".

## Fish

Use the code below to help you colour the fish.



Object: using a code

## Happy birthday



Silvana Silveira turns 7 on May 16.



Wasim Rasul turned 2 on April 22

## Just for laughs!

My mum went down the doctors. She said, "I've come to thank you doctor. There was I thinking I was a dog and you cured me." The doctor said, "Are you sure you're alright now?" My mum said, "Yes. Feel my nose."

"My uncle used to keep his hyena in the water butt." "Really, what was it like?" "A barrel of laughs."

There was this guy whose stomach stuck out a long way. His friends said to him, "George you should diet." He said, "I thought of that. But I can't decide on a colour."

My auntie was stoopid, but she was also very lonely. She used to make long distance phone calls to herself. That would have been alright, except she kept trying to reverse the charges.

## Inside a girl's head

IT'S party time and I don't know what to wear. What shall I wear? Oh what shall I wear? I wish that beautiful dress in the shop would be mine!

May be I should do my hair, How about some lipstick? Not this shade, maybe that....

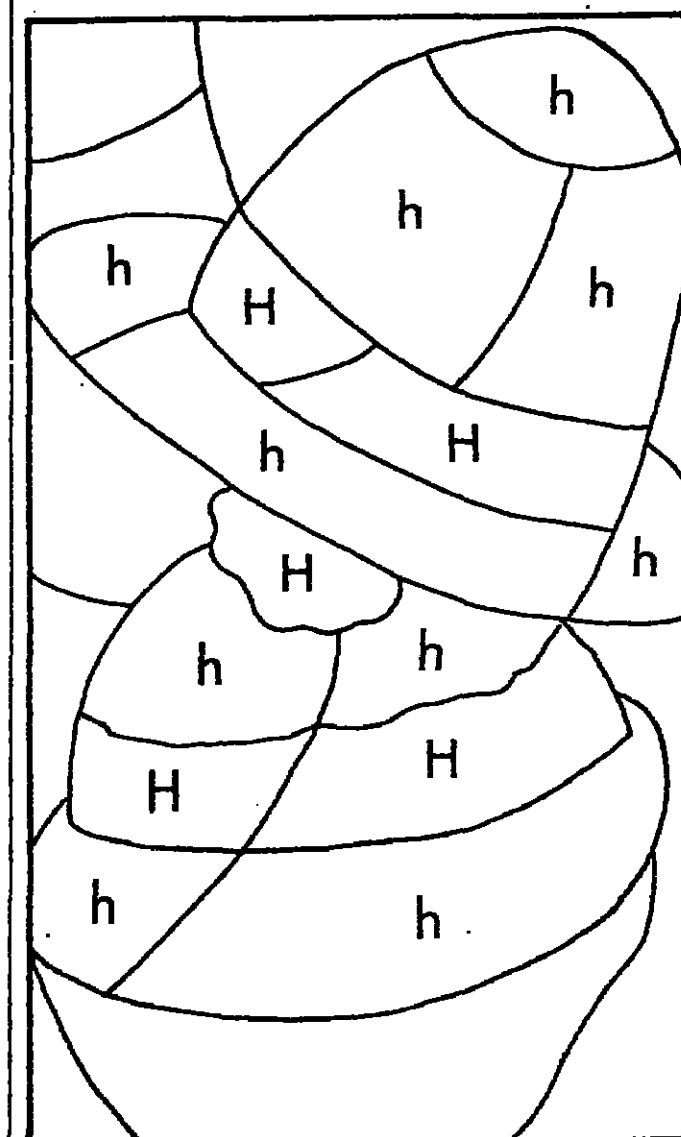
I'll wear the long ear-rings, And ask mum for the matching necklace, Now what about some shoes, Black, white or grey?

Oh dear, look at the time, And I don't know yet what to wear, I wish I was Cinderella, She didn't have to think about anything, Oh, I wish I had her Fairy Godmother, Why can't life be simple?

By Tracey Lee Pacheco, 12 years old, New English School.



Color the h spaces one color. Color the spaces with the capital H's another color. What do you see that begins with h?

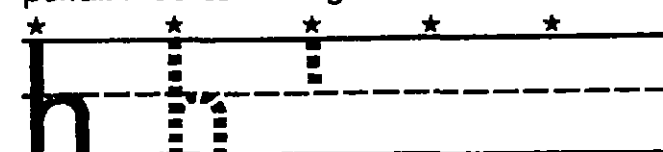


Write the missing letter.

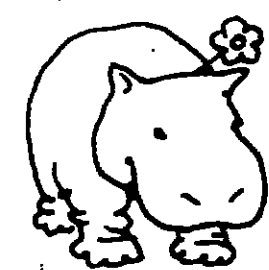
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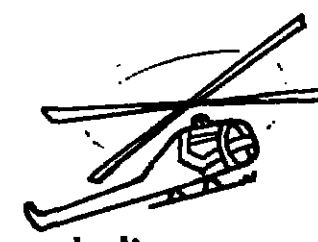
This is an h. Here are some pictures of words that begin with h. Point to each picture. Say the words. Color the pictures. Trace the letter h with a pencil. Practice making the letter.



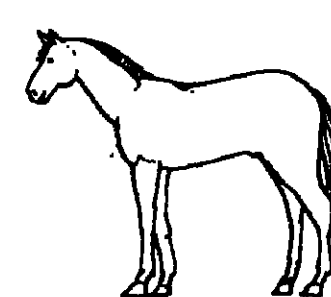
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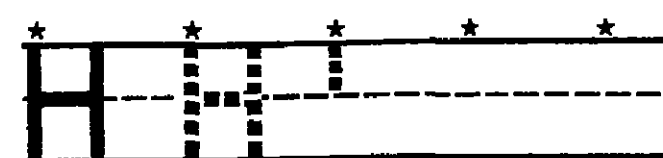
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## THE SPOOKY UMBRELLA:

THE MAGICIAN SITS COMFORTABLY ON A CHAIR OR A SOFA. HE HOLDS AN UMBRELLA IN THE CENTRE OF HIS LEGS AS SHOWN IN FIG "A". THEN LEAVES THE UMBRELLA IN MID AIR MAKES A FEW MAGIC PASSES TO THE ACCOMPANY OF MUSIC. THE UMBRELLA BEGINS TO DANCE.

SECRET A SUPER FINE NYLON OR SILK THREAD (EXTRACTED FROM A CLOTH) IS STITCHED TO THE TROUSERS AT KNEE LEVEL. THE UMBRELLA IS PLACED AS SHOWN IN FIG "B" SLIGHTLY BENT OUTWARD. JERK THE LEGS AND OF COURSE YOUR HANDS TO APPRECIATE THE MUSIC AND YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE UMBRELLA STARTS DANCING.

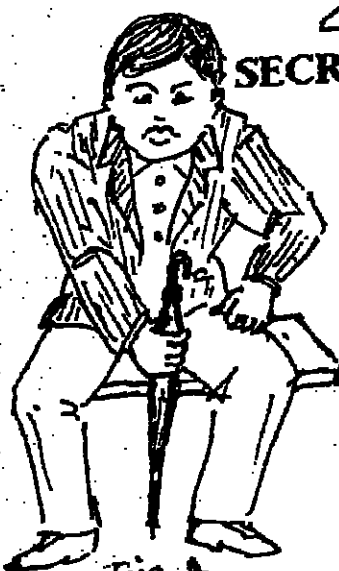


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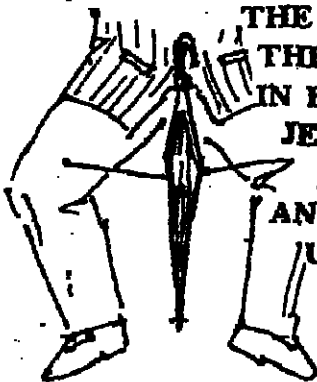


Fig. B

REMEMBER: THE THREAD MUST BE SUCH THAT IT CAMOUFLAGES WITH THE SURROUNDINGS.

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THE MAGICIAN  
403708, GOA, INDIA.







## Suns, Pistons triumph again

## Bulls thrash 76ers



Piston's Rodman (right) moves to score over Knicks Kenny Walker. (Reuters wirephoto)



Joe Dumars (right) of Pistons under pressure from Knicks' Gerald Wilkins. (Reuters wirephoto)

PHILADELPHIA, May 14. (AP) Michael Jordan scored 45 points and the Chicago Bulls opened the fourth quarter with a 22-6 spurt to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 111-101 yesterday and move within one victory of the National Basketball Association Eastern Conference finals.

The Bulls, who lead the best-of-7 series 3-1, can wrap it up Wednesday at Chicago.

Jordan scored 18 points in the final period as Chicago rallied from a nine-point deficit to take a 91-90 lead. The Bulls stretched their lead to 90-92 before Philadelphia scored five straight points to make it 99-97 with 3:42 left.

After Jordan made a driving left-handed layup, Johnny Dawkins hit a free throw for Philadelphia and John Paxson made two free throws for Chicago to make it 103-98.

Charles Barkley, who finished with 22 points and 13 rebounds, then made one of two free throws to pull the Bulls within four. But Jordan completed a three-point play to give the Bulls a 106-99 lead with 1:53 left and the 76ers couldn't catch up.

Rookie Stacey King, who replaced starter Scottie Pippen, scored 21 points for the Bulls. Pippen was in Arkansas for his father's funeral today.

Hersey Hawkins scored 26 points for Philadelphia, while Mike Gminski had 24.

**Suns 114, Lakers 101**  
Kevin Johnson scored 11 of his 30 points in the final 10:14 and the Phoenix Suns survived a late Los Angeles rally to beat the Lakers 114-101 yesterday for a 3-1 lead in their NBA playoff series.

Tom Chambers added 27 points and Jeff Hornacek had 26 of his 23 in the first period for the Suns, who can win the best-of-7 Western Conference semifinal with a victory tomorrow night at the Forum.

The Suns, who snapped a 21-game losing streak at the Forum in game 1, have never beaten the Lakers in six previous playoff series.

Phoenix led by 14 points midway through the third period before the Lakers rallied and pulled to 94-90 with 3:39 remaining in the game. But that's as close as the Lakers could get.

Magic Johnson led Los Angeles with a career playoff-high 43 points - one more than he had as a rookie in game 6 against Philadelphia to give the Lakers the 1980 World Championship.

James Worthy scored 16 points for the Lakers, but made only five of his 21 field-goal attempts. AC Green added 14 points and a playoff career-high 18 rebounds.

Mark West had 15 points, 15 rebounds and six blocked shots for Phoenix, while Kevin Johnson had 16 assists and came within four points of tying his career playoff best last year.

**Pistons 102, Knicks 90**  
The Detroit Pistons took advantage of Patrick Ewing's first-half foul trouble yesterday, and their second-half defence blanketed the New York Knicks for a 102-90 victory and a 3-1 lead in their playoff series.

Ewing, who scored 46 points in Saturday's victory over the Pistons and averaged 30.3 points in his first eight playoff games, was scoreless in the first half while playing only six minutes because of foul trouble.

He came back to score 30 points in the second half, but it wasn't enough to deny the Pistons, who are seeking to become the third franchise - after the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston - to repeat as NBA champions.

The winner of the Pistons-Knicks series will meet the winner of the 76ers-Bulls semifinal. Detroit beat Chicago 4-2 in last year's Eastern conference final and went on to win its first NBA championship.

Detroit, allowing less than 90 points per game in the playoffs before losing 111-103 on Saturday, forced the Knicks into missing 16 of their first 21 shots in the second half.

The Pistons, who were led by James Edwards with 19 points, took the lead for good in the second quarter, led by nine at halftime and opened a 59-45 advantage in the third period.

## Sussex beats Zimbabwe

HOVE, England, May 14. (Reuters) Zimbabwe lost the first match of their short cricket tour of England when they were down by 95 runs to an inexperienced Sussex side containing nine uncapped players yesterday.

Zimbabwe were dismissed for 138 with 14.3 overs remaining in the one-day match after Sussex had topped up 233 for eight from their 55 overs.

The visitors lost their first wickets for 106 and their last five batsmen added just 32 runs in seven overs.

Sussex leg-spinner Ian Salisbury, 20, took four of the last five wickets to finish with 25 from 7.3 overs and fast bowler Philip Threlfall claimed three for 40 off 10 overs.

Iain Butchart (24) and Eddo Brandes (23) offered the most resistance in a disappointing Zimbabwe innings and Brandes was the last out soon after driving Salisbury for the only six of the match.

Martin Speight was the top Sussex scorer with a fluent 76, including 12 fours, off 100 balls. His third-wicket partnership of 122 with opener Jamie Hall (53) was the highest of the match.

## French finish in top spot

FRANKFURT, May 14. (Reuters) Lightweight world champion Cathy Arnaud won her fourth consecutive European title as France ended one of their most successful appearances at the European Judo Championships with four more gold medals yesterday.

The French, who took two golds on Saturday, finished top of the medals table.

Their featherweight Bruno Carabetta captured his third European crown in a row, bantamweight Philippe Pradayrol won his first title and Cecile Nowak defeated four-times world champion Kren Briggs in the women's bantamweight final for the second time.

Arnaud, 26, dominated the lightweight category, producing three scores in the final and throwing Gudrun Hausch of West Germany twice.

Nowak, who beat Briggs in the Helsinki final a year ago, this time defeated the Briton with an inner thigh throw for yuko (five points).

Carabetta had a narrower victory, beating East Germany's Olympic silver medalist Udo Quellmalz on a close decision in the final.

## Newport upstages Hadlee

WORCESTER, May 14. (Reuters) Phil Newport upstaged Richard Hadlee, the world's greatest all-rounder, yesterday as the three-day cricket match between Worcestershire and New Zealand appeared to revolve around a personal battle between the two.

After Hadlee had taken five for 27 in Worcestershire's first innings and then held the visitors' batting together with a superb 90, Newport did even better.

He took six New Zealand first innings wickets for 54 and then hit a career-best 98 after the county champions looked on the verge of collapsing in their second innings.

It left the match delicately poised at the end of the second day with Worcestershire on 248 for seven, a lead of 218.

For Newport, who hit 18 fours, it signalled the end of a year of disappointment.

In the corresponding future against the Australians last year he produced a match-winning haul of 11 for 27 to earn a Test call-up but then broke down with an achilles tendon

injury which prevented him from picking up for the rest of the season.

With injuries dogging other England candidates, Newport may have done enough to earn a place in the squad for two one-day internationals against New Zealand which will be chosen on Thursday.

Newport went to the crease when Worcestershire were struggling on 59 for four and without star batsman Graeme Hick, who suffered a broken finger on the opening day.

A fifth-wicket stand of 179 with Richard Illingworth, who made 74, saw the county recover but then three wickets fell shortly before the close.

Earlier Hadlee had continued New Zealand's first innings recovery when they resumed at 113 for eight and he took his overnight 23 not out to 90 before he was the last man out as the visitors were dismissed for 201.

**Scoreboard**  
WORCESTERSHIRE first innings 171 (R Hadlee five for 27)  
NEW ZEALAND first innings (overnight 113-8)  
1. Franklin c sub b McEwan 28  
2. Wright lbw Newport 28

A Jones c Bowns b Newport 1  
M. Greatbatch c sub b Newport 4  
K. Rutherford lbw b Newport 4  
J. Crowe c Bowns b McEwan 13  
M. Priest c sub b Newport 13  
R. Hadlee c Bowns b McEwan 90  
1. Smith c sub b Newport 20  
D. Morrison lbw b Newport 5  
J. Millson not out 2  
Extras (b 6 lbw 12 nb 4) 34  
Total 201

Fall of wickets: 1-16 2-20 3-25 4-29 5-68 6-69 7-111 8-113 9-152  
Bowling Newport 7-1-32-1 Illingworth 16-2-48-3, Westcott 10-1-32-1, Illingworth 12-6-13-0, Radford 10-1-33-0  
WORCESTERSHIRE second innings  
P. Bant line b Hadlee 9  
M. Westcott c Priest b Morrison 34  
D. O'Connell c Morrison b Hadlee 16  
P. Bant line b Hadlee 16  
R. Illingworth c Crowe b Morrison 74  
P. Newport c Rutherford b Priest 98  
S. Langhitt not out 5  
N. Radford c and b Morrison 1  
S. Bowns not out 1  
Extras (b 1 lbw 7 nb 6) 14  
Total (for seven wickets) 248  
Fall of wickets: 1-9 2-21 3-55 4-59 5-258 6-258 7-261

To bat G. Hick, S. McEwan  
Bowling to date: Morrison 16-2-60-3, Hadlee 15-2-60-2, Illingworth 16-1-55-1, Priest 21-7-51-1, Rutherford 7-0-27-0

## Bahman wins Merit Windsurfing Series again



Bahman (left) with Bob Preston.

TOP Kuwaiti boardsailer Abdul Rahman Bahman won the Merit Windsurfing Series on Friday for the second consecutive time. Hadrien Fillon was second and Mike Quinn third.

Robert Preston of Merit presented the trophies and prizes to the winners, with the first prize being a complete racing rig.

The final day's racing started with a light Force 3 wind and the course set as a Standard Olympic Triangle.



Some of the competitors of the day

The first race got off to a clean start with Bahman (sponsored by Qabazard Marine), Quinn and Ladiaslo Pascoe taking the early lead, all taking advantage of their light weights and racing boards. But with Pascoe falling just before the finish line the placings were: Bahman first, Quinn second and Fouad Harakeh third.

By the second and final race of the series, all the first 3 sailors had their positions guaranteed without further racing, so the race was only for pride of place. Again Bahman and Quinn got good starts, both using Fanatic Ultra Cat boards, but this time Ibrahim Qadouni got away well too, only to eventually finish last, after going the wrong way around the course. The final placings were Bahman first, Quinn second and Mike Devey third.

The final placings at the top of the Merit League are:

1. Abdul Rahman Bahman 7 points, 2. Hadrien Fillon 5.5, 3. Mike Quinn 18, 4. Dietmar Kamphans 28.75, 5. Bob Green 20, 6. Ladiaslo Pascoe 34, 7. Fouad Marakesh 41.

The Merit Summer Series of the Mes-Silah Beach Windsurfing Club starts this Friday, May 18 at 10 am. Anyone interested in joining should contact Bob Green, Tel. 4896000 ext. 3943.

## Somerset outclass Hampshire

LONDON, May 14. (Reuters) Run-hungry Jimmy Cook lashed another superb century yesterday to steer Somerset to a five-wicket win over Hampshire in their Sunday League cricket match at Taunton.

The South African opener hit a masterful 132 from only 87 balls to take his total this season to 845 in just nine visits to the crease.

It followed his 177 in a Benson and Hedges match on Saturday and an unbeaten 313 in a county match a week earlier.

Cook hit 15 fours and three sixes, the second of which landed on the pavilion roof to take him to his century in grand style.

His batting eclipsed a polished, unbeaten 113 off 124 balls by Hampshire opener Paul Terry who helped England's Robin Smith (51) add 101 in 22 overs for the second wicket.

Ex-England captain David Gower failed again when he was dismissed for 12 but Hampshire reached a respectable 246 for three in their 40 overs.

It would have been a winning total against many sides, but not one including Cook in his current form. Somerset passed their total with three overs to spare.

Paceman Paul Jarvis produced two fiery spells to finish with five for 18 as Yorkshire, bottom of the league at the start of the day, defeated leaders Derbyshire by six wickets at Headingley.

He broke a threatening second-wicket stand of 57 between Bruce Roberts and Kim Barnett, captured the prize scalp of South African all-rounder Adrian Kuper and finished off the Derbyshire innings with a burst of three wickets for one run.

Yorkshire passed Derbyshire's 143 with one over to spare. Bill Athey crunched a superb 101 not out and Jack Russell 62 as Gloucestershire scored an emphatic seven-wicket win over Essex.

After Essex had been kept to 211 for six in their 40 overs, Athey struck 11 boundaries as Gloucestershire scrambled home with five balls to spare.

And at Llanelli Kent beat Glamorgan by two wickets. Glamorgan hit 220 for five but Kent replied with 224 for eight in only 39.5 overs.

## Sulayem set for Jordan Rally

THE stage is set for a battle of wits and endurance when the Fisa Middle East Championship resumes next weekend, with the Jordan International Rally providing a new twist to the series.

Lying in wait for the region's top drivers in this year's second round is a route stretching out for 1,055 km, and containing 24 special stages, testing their ability on asphalt, gravel and dirt.

In previous years, the Jordan Rally has been held over three days. Cancelled last year, the event returns in a new two-day format which adds to its reputation as the most demanding in the championship.

Driving his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4, reigning Middle East champion Mohammed bin Sulayem will set off first from Amman on Thursday morning well-prepared for a fight to the finish on Friday night.

He expects a particularly strong challenge from a fellow-UAE and Marlboro driver Suhail Khalifa and Oman's Tony Georgiou, while Jordanians, Qatari Kowari and even a four-car team from the Soviet Union will be hoping to surprise the top three.

Khalifa, who has made his name by dominating the UAE's gruelling Mawafi 4WD Rally, is determined to make his mark on the Fisa championship this season. Both he and Georgiou will drive Marlboro-backed Mitsubishi Galant VR-4s.

Jordan's main hopes rest with national champion Issa Halaby who takes the wheel of a Ford Escort RS. Coworth loaned to him by King Hussein. The car has been driven competitively by Prince Abdullah, whose duties prevent him from taking part.

Without his customary Audi Quattro on this occasion, Lebanon's ever-optimistic Michel Saleh has entered a Range Rover.

Heading the Qatan challenge will be Nasser Al Attiya in a Toyota Celica GT, while Kuwait's Ali Al Baizami has yet to confirm which car he will drive.

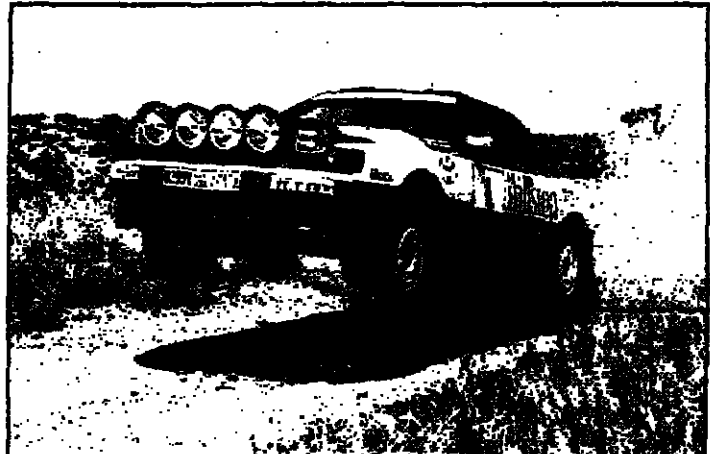
The route includes six brand new special stages, one of them sweeping across the lowest exposed spot on earth close to the shores of the Dead Sea.

Sulayem, partnered by Irish navigator Roman Morgan, leads the championship after his victory in Qatar in February. He won the last two Jordan Rallies and also claimed victory in 1984, but knows he faces a testing time in his Winston Toyota. "It's going to be very tough," he says. "There are a lot of twists and turns and the rally will be very tiring."

Thursday morning's first three stages will be followed by a four-hour rest halt, before six more stages take the cars back out from Amman to Ibbin and then to service in Jerash.

Less than an hour later, after a regrouping, the day's last two stages take the rally back towards Amman, with the first cars returning to the capital just before midnight. At 7.30 the next morning the survivors set off on a loop to Petra and back, with a second regrouping following the morning's six stages. The first car will return to Amman at 7.30 pm.

Clerk of the course Derek Ledger said: "As only Group A and Group N cars score points in the championship, they will go off first. The Group B and Group C cars will be running 30 minutes behind, so we've actually got two rallies in one."



Sulayem: heads the championship



Suhail Khalifa

## Alcala wins Tour de Trump

BOSTON, May 14. (AP) When he was boy in Mexico, Raul Alcala played soccer. But there was too much fighting and he never won anything.

Sixteen years after exchanging his cleats for a bicycle, Alcala ended 11 days of consistent and fight-free riding by winning the Tour de Trump bicycle race yesterday by 43 seconds over Norway's Aile Kvalsvoll.

There aren't many professional riders in Mexico, Alcala said. "My victory will be on the front page, the first column."

"I came into the race only to train," said Alcala. "But I won the prologue, so I knew there was a chance to win."

Alcala, 26, of Monterrey, Mexico, won the prologue on the first day of the journey through six states on May 3. He finished 15th yesterday in large pack of riders that included Kvalsvoll and the rest of his closest chasers. Kvalsvoll placed 35th yesterday.

"This stage was very flat and PDM (Alcala's team) is very strong," said Kvalsvoll. "There wasn't much I could do."

Erik Breukink of Holland finished third overall, 1:44 behind Alcala. Soviet amateur Dmitri Zhdanov was fourth, 1:52 behind.

Reigning Tour de France and road race world champion Greg Lemond of the U.S. finished 18th yesterday and 78th overall, 1:40:26 behind the winner. Only 87 of the starting field of 133 completed the race.

## Mottet triumphs

GENEVA, May 14. (AP) French cyclist Charles Mottet won his first Tour de Romandie yesterday, finishing in the main pack of riders with his two-minute lead over the easy last stage of the road race through western Switzerland.

Robert Millar of Britain finished second overall in the six-day race, 2:00 minutes behind Mottet's total time of 22 hours, 20 minutes and one second.

Luc Roosen of Belgium was another 10 seconds behind. A 20-second penalty for accepting water outside authorised zones on Saturday cost him second place.

## Jansher clinches title

BEZIERS, France, May 14. (Reuters) Australia's Rodney Martin made world number one Jansher Khan of Pakistan fight all the way for victory in the final of the Beziers International Squash Tournament yesterday.

Fourth seed Martin, who beat world number three and compatriot Chris Dittmar in the semifinals, extended Jansher to five games before losing 10-8 6-9 9-1 5-9 9-2.

Martin opted for all-out attack in his attempt to unsettle the top seed, who relied on his almost immaculate defensive skills and his drop shots to deter the onslaught.

The first game turned into a marathon lasting 32 minutes. It hung delicately in the balance with service exchanged 10 times with the score at 7-7.

Jansher finally prevailed but Martin turned on the pressure in the second game. The Pakistani seemed to take a grip on the match when he won the third in just eight minutes but the Australian levelled at 2-2 in the fourth by going for his shots again and taking risk after risk.

At that stage the world number five looked well capable of an upset victory but tiredness set in after some long exchanges at 2-2 in the decider and Martin finally cracked.

## Orioles beat Athletics

OAKLAND, California, May 14. (AP) Jay Tibbs and four relievers combined on a five-hit, 1-0 victory for the Baltimore Orioles beat Oakland and won their first series against the Athletics since May 1987.

The Orioles won two straight road games for the first time this season. Oakland had not lost a series at home since last July against California.

Tibbs (2-4) won his second straight start, allowing one run on five hits in 6 1-3 innings.

**Blue Jays 6, Tigers 3**  
George Bell homered, doubled and scored the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning on John Olerud's sacrifice fly as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Detroit Tigers.

Third baseman Tony Phillips' wild throw set up Toronto's two unearned runs in the eighth. Phillips has made 12 of the Tigers' 29 errors this season.

David Wells (1-0) got the victory in relief while Jack Morris (2-5) lost his fourth straight decision.

**Results**  
American League  
Toronto 6 Detroit 3  
Minnesota 8 Milwaukee 8  
Chicago WS 4 Kansas City 3  
California 8 Boston 4  
Baltimore 4 Oakland 1  
Seattle 10 NY Yankees 5  
Cleveland 4 Texas 1

National League  
Philadelphia 4 San Francisco 1  
Atlanta 3 St. Louis 1  
Cincinnati 13 Chicago Cubs 9  
Montreal 15 San Diego 0  
Pittsburgh 5 Houston A 1  
Los Angeles at N.Y. Mets postponed rain



# England seek inspirational performance from Gascoigne in friendly.

LONDON, May 14. (Reuters): England, lacking several key midfielders through injury and club commitments, will be looking for another inspirational performance from Paul Gascoigne in their World Cup soccer warm-up game with Denmark tomorrow.

The talented but temperamental Gascoigne played a starring role for

England when they extended their unbeaten run to 16 games with a 4-2 victory over Czechoslovakia in April.

"Gascoigne played very well last month and we need to have another look at him again with Neil Webb and Bryan Robson out," said manager Bobby Robson. "It is a good opportunity to do so."

Webb and captain Robson are both out of England's largely experimental squad for the match because they are required by Manchester United for the Football Association (FA) Cup final replay against Crystal Palace on Thursday.

For Webb, not yet assured of an England place, the replay will also

determine whether he makes the trip to Italy.

England also have doubts over Robson's usual deputy, midfielder Steve McMahon, who has a hamstring strain and defender Mark Wright who is suffering a leg problem.

Both were used as second half substitutes against Czechoslovakia and

McMahon, in particular, could have been expected to be in the starting line-up in a bid to confirm his place in England's World Cup squad if fit.

Manager Robson, who had hoped to field a virtual full-strength team against a rebuilt and improving young Danish side, will at least be boosted by the unexpected early availability of winger Chris Waddle.

Waddle joined up with the remainder of the 26-man squad after helping his French club Marseille clinch their second successive championship on Saturday and his presence alongside John Barnes and Gascoigne will help give England an attractive attacking shape.

Robson may also recall Peter Beardsley, at least as a substitute, to give the

skilful striker an opportunity to prove his fitness after missing eight of Liverpool's last nine games through injury. "He looked very sharp in training and very quick," said Robson who may be forced to play one of two essentially attacking midfielders, Steve Hodge or David Platt, alongside Gascoigne if McMahon fails to recover in time.

## E. Germans rally to hold Brazil

### Steinmann scores in last minute

RIODEJANEIRO, Brazil, May 14. (Reuters): A superb last minute free kick by substitute Rico Steinmann earned East Germany a surprise 3-3 draw with Brazil in a soccer friendly yesterday.

Steinmann curled his 25-yard free kick around the Brazilian defensive wall to earn his team a standing ovation from the more than 67,000 spectators at Maracana Stadium.

Playing in their last full friendly international before the World Cup finals in Italy, Brazil made mistakes in defence, showed little creativity in midfield and missed chances in attack.

It was Brazil's second disappointing performance in 10 days. On May 5 they were booted off the pitch after an unconvincing 2-1 win over Bulgaria in Campinas.

The first half was a tedious affair. East Germany, who did not qualify for the World Cup but had won three of their four friendlies this year, played with a five-man defence which Brazil were unable to break down.

Brazil were not even able to cause problems from free kicks around the penalty area, traditionally a Brazilian speciality.



Brazil's Alemão (centre) fights with E. Germany's Uwe (right) and Ulf. (Reuters wirephoto).

Only Valdo, who troubled the East German defence with his dribbling, showed any inspiration.

The first real chance came in the 29th minute when Muller pounced on a rebound but had his shot blocked by an East German defender.

The first Brazilian goal came one minute before the interval. Mullet split the East German defence with a through pass and Alemão connected the shot wide of Brautigan for a 1-0 lead.

East Germany, playing without key striker Andreas Thom who was not released by his West

German First Division club Bayer Leverkusen, equalised with their first dangerous attack two minutes after half-time.

Thomas Doll, who found himself unmarked in front of the Brazilian goal area, headed home a corner from six yards. The Brazilians then came brie-

fly to life. Careca missed two chances in the 48th and 53th minutes before he finally found his touch.

The striker who played for Italy's League champions Napoli scored with a low header from a Branco cross in the 55th minute.

Four minutes later midfielder Dunga, who did not play against Bulgaria, forced his way between two defenders and scored with a powerful shot.

With the score 3-1, Brazilian coach Sebastiao Lazaroni then made five substitutions in ten minutes.

Taking advantage of this, East Germany reduced the deficit in the 69th minute with a goal scored on a fast break. Steinmann, who had only just come on, put Doll clear. The forward's shot was brilliantly stopped by Taffarel but Ernst shot home the rebound.

In the last minute, Doll ran half the length of the field on another break and was unceremoniously pulled down by Mauro Galvao, who received a yellow card.

Steinmann scored from the free kick to give East Germany a hard-fought but well-deserved 3-3 draw.

The Brazilians fly to Italy on May 20.



Young Yugoslavian

Monica Seles, a 16-year-old Yugoslavian, in action against American Martina Navratilova in the Italian Open women's tennis tournament on Sunday. Seles won the final 6-1 6-1. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Cagliari businessmen oppose alcohol ban

CAGLIARI, Sardinia, May 14. (Reuters): Cagliari businessmen opposed British calls for a partial alcohol ban on England's notorious soccer fans during the world cup, saying it would not work and they would lose money.

The British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan said in Cagliari last week a ban on drink at the city's World Cup stadium and in city centre bars was vital to avoid violence from the hooligans expected to follow the England team to Sardinia.

He told the Cagliari businessmen: "Cagliari Traders Association said: 'Moynihan's call is over the top. A measure to ban alcohol would be a punishment for the city and you would need an army of police to stop cans and bottles of beer being sold under the counter.'"

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But bar owner Mario Sardara, leader of the local Cagliari Soccer

## Borg wins \$12,500 in libel suit

STOCKHOLM, May 14. (Reuters): Five-time Wimbledon winner Bjorn Borg won another victory today when a district court awarded him \$12,500 in damages from a magazine which published an article alleging he was a drug addict.

Borg, 33, had sued the Swedish satirical magazine Z over the article, based on an interview with the former girlfriend Janette Bjorling who claimed Borg routinely snorted cocaine.

"The character and circulation of the information is such that Bjorn Borg, through the publication of it, must have suffered... the court estimates and sets the damages at 75,000 crowns (\$12,500)," the court ruling read.

Borg had sued for \$37,000. The ruling reaffirmed the jury's opinion last week that the magazine was guilty of defamation.

Court spokeswoman Catarina Collin told Reuters the former editor-in-chief of the magazine has also been fined 5,000 crowns (\$830).

## Fittipaldi sets lap records

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, May 14. (Reuters): Brazilian Emerson Fittipaldi captured the provisional pole for the Indianapolis 500 mile race yesterday by setting records on all four of his qualifying laps and with a total speed average of 362.6 kph (225.301 mph).

Fittipaldi, the defending Indy 500 champion, will not know until next Saturday whether he will keep the pole position.

Heavy weekend rains limited the trials to just 90 minutes yesterday and at least three drivers with a chance of going faster will get their shot next Saturday when qualifications resume.



Raft race

The long-awaited event, the 4th annual Kuffat Kuwait raft race was held at the Mesliah Beach on Friday. The event, drew large and massive crowds of fans and beach lovers. Winston Cigarettes, always supportive of such events were there as co-sponsors.

## Bridge

RESULTS of the Barclays Cigarette Bridge Tournament (14th and final week) held at the Regency on Sunday

N/S:  
1. Mamdouh Sabar & Said El Said  
Shawarwan & Ramzy & Mohamed Samir  
and Dana Matery & Adel Bayoum  
E/W:  
1. Lolo Murthwaite and Nabil Akel  
2. Ezzeldin & Ahmed Heid  
3. J. Gagar & K. T. Simon

A tournament will be held to end the first Barclay season on Friday, May 18, at the Regency Palace at 3.00 pm.  
Results of the Humber Centre Bridge Club game held on Saturday

N/S:  
1. Ibrahim & Sayem  
Shawarwan & Lolo Murthwaite & Nabil Akel and Ramzy Mousah & Ahmed Tawil  
E/W:  
1. Jagg & Aurora  
2. Suber & Amin Oskay  
3. Ezzeldin and Monam Elbaz

Results of the Mesliah Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday  
1. Hani Akel & Lolo Murthwaite  
2. Ezzeldin & Ramzy Mousah  
3. Margaret Maynard & Jane Jackson  
The Mesliah Ladies Bridge Club will hold the end of the year tournament on Monday, May 21, at 9.00 am.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### E. German minister

EAST BERLIN, May 14. (Reuters): East Germany's important DTSB sports federation wants the country's first sports minister to resign, saying she is not up to the job. The German Gymnastics and Sports Federation met on Saturday and decided to ask its leaders to write to Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere and demand he sacks Youth and Sports Minister Cordula Schubert, a DTSB spokesman said today.

### B&H Cup

LONDON, May 14. (Reuters): The draw for the quarterfinals of the Benson and Hedges Cricket Cup was made today as follows: Essex v Nottinghamshire; Worcestershire v Glamorgan; Somerset v Middlesex; Lancashire v Surrey. Matches are to be played on Wednesday, May 30.

### Belgian Open

BRUSSELS, May 13. (Reuters): Swede Ove Selberg held off the challenge of Europe's leading prize-money winner Ian Woosnam of Britain to score his third victory of the PGA European Tour in the Belgian Open yesterday.

### Title fight

SYDNEY, May 14. (Reuters): World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight champion Jeff Harding of Australia has cut his left eyebrow, forcing the postponement of his June 2 title fight with Britain's Dennis Andrie.

### Norman wins

DUBLIN, Ohio, May 14. (Reuters): Greg Norman of Australia was declared the winner of the \$1 million Memorial tournament yesterday as heavy overnight rains made the course unplayable for the final round. Norman, with three birdies over his final eight holes on Saturday, finished with a three-under-par 69 for the wet day and a 54-hole total of even-par 216.

### LPGA tourney

CHESAPEAKE, Virginia, May 14. (Reuters): Dottie Mochrie shot a four-under-par 68 yesterday to complete a runaway victory in the \$350,000 LPGA golf tournament at the Greenbrier Country Club.

### Charvet withdrawn

PARIS, May 14. (Reuters): Toulouse centre Denis Charvet has been withdrawn from the French Rugby Union squad to tour Australia next month after insulting a referee at the end of a French championship semifinal on Saturday.

### N. America Cup

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, May 14. (UPI): John Catliff scored in the 68th minute yesterday, his second goal of the game, giving Canada a 2-1 victory over Mexico and the championship of the North America Cup.

### Wheaton triumphs

KIAWAH ISLAND, South Carolina, May 14. (Reuters): Third-seeded American David Wheaton took advantage of South African Mark Kaplan's lack of mobility yesterday to post a 6-4 6-4 victory in the final of the US Men's Clay Court Tennis Championship.

## Britain to back any 'pullout decision'

# Italy tipped to win World Cup

BOLOGNA, Italy, May 14. (Reuters): Italy will win the 1990 World Cup, Dutchman Marco van Basten will be top striker and Cameroon could be the surprise team according to an opinion poll published today.

The Italian sports magazine *Guerin Sportivo* said it had asked soccer writers in 104 countries to predict the highlights of the 24-nation tournament which kicks off in Milan on June 8.

Italy, already three times World Cup winners, were favourites to take the title, ahead of Brazil and the Netherlands.

Holders Argentina got only three votes and captain Diego Maradona was tipped top scorer by only five people in the survey.

■ Britain's Sports Minister confirmed today the government would back the soccer authorities in Italy if they pulled England out of the World Cup because English fans were causing major or fatal incidents.

But a ministry spokesman, clarifying press reports, said Britain was doing everything in its power to ensure that such a "hypothetical" situation did not arise.

"I'm sure if a few fans start causing problems in Cagliari the Italian police will be well-versed in how to deal with them," the spokesman said.

He said Sports Minister Colin Moynihan did tell journalists in a briefing last week that he was ready to back Fifa, the International

Football Federation, if it decided to send the English team home because of major violence or fatalities.

"It would obviously be naive of him to say 'I never see a situation where England would be brought home,'" the spokesman said.

But he added: "It was a hypothetical answer to a hypothetical question. We're doing everything possible to make sure it doesn't arise."

Moynihan's remarks, reported in the British press yesterday, received wide coverage in Italy.

English soccer clubs have been barred from European competitions since the Heysel stadium disaster in 1985 which claimed 39 lives.

On Saturday Uefa president Lennart Johansson, after meeting Moynihan in London, agreed to postpone a decision on the return of English clubs until after the World Cup.

■ Scotland's World Cup soccer plans were upset today when Steve Nicol was ruled out of next month's finals in Italy and Mo Johnston withdrew from Wednesday's warm-up against Egypt.

Liverpool defender Nicol will need at least six weeks to recover after undergoing a groin operation on Thursday and Johnston, a key figure in Scotland's World Cup hopes, will miss the Egypt match because of food poison-

ing. Johnston, whose goals in the qualifying matches carried Scotland through to the finals, has been ordered to stay in bed, but is expected to join the squad again on Thursday for a match against Poland next weekend.

Nicol, capped 26 times for Scotland and a member of the 1986 squad in Mexico, had already been ruled out of this week's fixtures because of the long term effects of his groin injury.

"It is very unfortunate for Steve but he had been carrying the injury for some time and it would have been difficult for him to have tried to play in the World Cup. He's absolutely sick about it," Scotland's assistant manager Craig Brown said.

■ Uruguay have pulled out of a World Cup soccer warm-up friendly with Yugoslavia due to have been played in Zagreb on May 30.

Dusan Maravic, the Yugoslav Soccer Federation's (YSF) secretary for foreign affairs, said the federation had received a text from Uruguay today.

"They did not disclose the reason, but the fact is the text came immediately after the fan riots yesterday," Maravic said.

More than 100 people were injured, including 10 critically, in clashes before the first division match in Zagreb between Dinamo Zagreb and Red Star Belgrade.

## 1990 World Championship still wide open

IMOLA, Italy, May 14. (Reuters): Nigel Mansell's bid for the World Drivers' Championship has not been helped by Riccardo Patrese's victory in the San Marino Grand Prix or his own angry exit from the Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari.

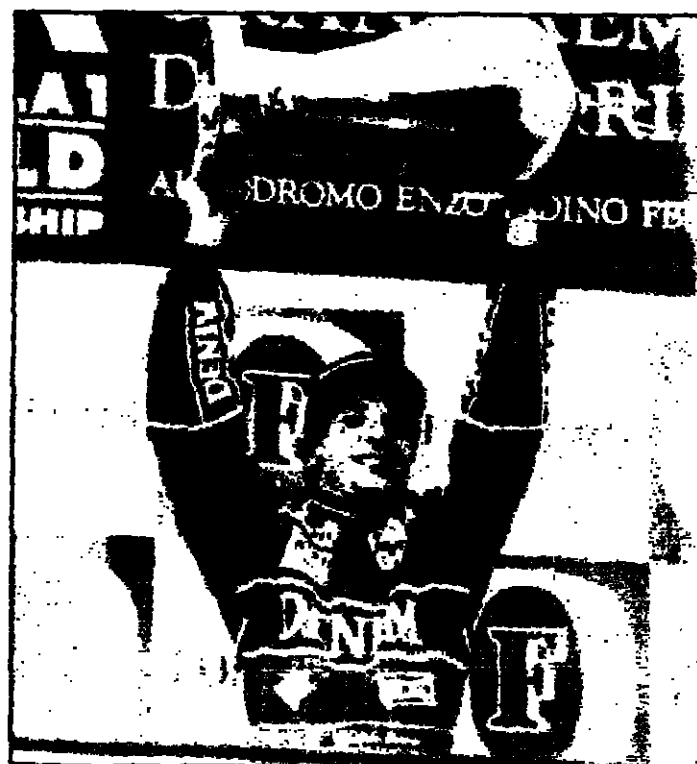
But nor has it ended. In fact, for the first time in several seasons, the 1990 World Championship looks wide open.

The Briton, who produced a magnificent charge to steer his Ferrari through from sixth to second before retiring with a blown engine, left the circuit in a raging mood and accused his former Ferrari team-mate Gerhard Berger of deliberately attempting to push him off the track at 300 kph.

Berger, who was leading in his McLaren on the 36th lap of the 61-lap race, appeared to cut across the nose of Mansell's Ferrari as he attempted to pass the Austrian on the exit from the Tamborello Bend.

Mansell was forced to steer his Ferrari onto the grass at the side of the circuit and he performed a near-miracle to control his car as it span a full 360 degrees before rejoining the race.

Mansell said: "He was pushing me right off the circuit. It wasn't even subtle and everyone who



Patrese holds the winner's cup. (Reuters wirephoto)

saw it knows that happened. I don't know what to say about it. "Gerhard is a friend of mine and I drove with him at Ferrari

all last year. I just don't know why he did it. I've never been so disappointed and upset in all my career as I feel now. I felt it was

my race to win until that happened."

Berger, who drove on to finish second, behind Patrese's Williams, expressed his regrets for the incident but left it open to debate as to whether he or Mansell was to blame.

He said: "I just saw his nose out of the corner of my eye at the last minute just as he began spinning. I am very sorry. I don't like things like that to happen."

"I also missed a gear, made the wrong tyre choice and got boxed in behind a back-marker just before Riccardo overtook me."

With three points from the opening three races of what is proving to be a more competitive season than any seen in recent years, Mansell is now just one of a pack of drivers with ambitions on the title.

Ayrton Senna with 13 points in the early leader ahead of champion Alain Prost and Berger on 12 and Patrese on nine.

Patrese's victory in a race which most of the teams acknowledged would provide a more realistic guide to the season ahead than either of the two season-openers in Phoenix or Sao Paulo established both him and Williams as real contenders for the honours.

In the early stages, once Senna had been forced out by a fractured rear wheel rim, Patrese's Williams team-mate Thierry Boutsen of Belgium looked commanding as he led before also being forced to retire by gearbox and engine problems.

It was brief confirmation of the growing feeling that the 1990 World Championship will be at least a three-team battle involving McLaren, Ferrari and Williams.

The fact that both Benetton finished in the top six suggested that they too may also be involved this year.

McLaren, Ferrari and Williams have already enjoyed one victory each and it was a rare experience last night not to hear the most confident sounds in the paddock coming from the McLaren pits.

Ron Dennis admitted: "It was obviously disappointing for Gerhard and the team that we didn't win but it was a good second place..."

Frank Williams was as delighted as Dennis was disappointed. "We won fair and square in a thrilling race and the result proves we are as competitive as anyone. We shall keep working hard and hope for another great result at Monaco."

## Richards apologises to West Indies board

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, May 14. (Reuters): Viv Richards has apologised to the West Indies Cricket Board about an explosive row with an English journalist in the press box during last month's final Test in Antigua.

The West Indies captain, who was arguing with the journalist after the teams had begun playing on the third day, said in a letter to the board he was upset by some "offensive" articles but regretted his actions.

"It was the perceived assault on my dignity as a person, the invasion of my privacy and the expressions implied in the offending articles which provoked me to anger," Richards said in the letter, which was published in an Antigua newspaper.

He accused the English press of "seasoning" reports with incidents off the field of play and seeking to use them as "psychological warfare" against the West Indies.

"I find it extremely offensive when a journalist chooses to make a sensational story out of my ill-health and, in the process, makes a number of derogatory remarks."

"I regret I snapped and handled this altercation with the English press the way I did," he added.

The West Indies captain, who had a haemorrhoid operation during the series, was reported in the press to have made rude gestures towards English supporters following the dismissal of acting skipper Alan Lamb.

Richards, whose letter and a report submitted by team manager Clive Lloyd will be discussed at the West Indies board general meeting in St Lucia next weekend, said the English and other foreign press often wrote offensive articles about him and the team.

"During the final Test of the West Indies-England series it had reached the stage where it had become too much. In consequence, I confronted a journalist in the press box. With-out doubt this was unwise but at the time I saw no other course of action," he said.